



A Biblical and Practical Approach to Board Governance: Part 1

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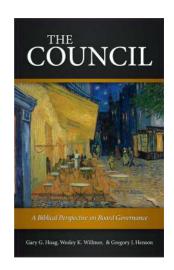
Opening Check-in

A Biblical Perspective on Board Governance

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"What is ONE WORD comes to mind when you think about board governance?"

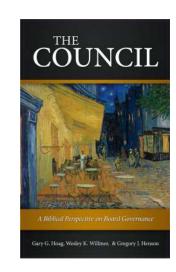
Biblical Perspective



"What does the Bible say about board governance?"

- (1) The Council of Moses
- (2) The Jewish Council of the First Century (Sanhedrin)
- (3) The Council of Ephesus
- (4) The Jerusalem Council

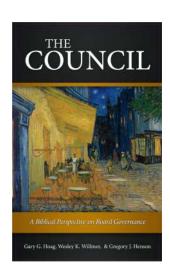
1: Council of Moses Numbers 11:11-17



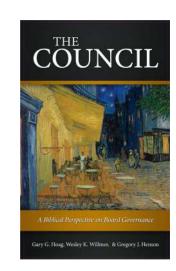
- 1. Spiritual Maturity and Administrative Gifting
- 2. Standing and Listening Posture
- 3. The Presence and Power of the Spirit
- 4. Humble Service

2: The Sanhedrin (John 11:47-50)

- 1. Selecting People of Status
- 2. Ruling and Controlling Posture
- 3. Idolatry to Money
- 4. Pride

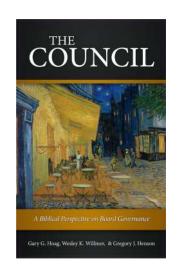


3: The Council of Ephesus (Acts 19:35-41)



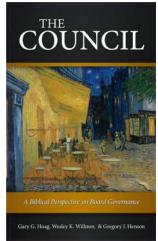
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4: Council of Jerusalem Acts 15:22-29



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Questions / Comments

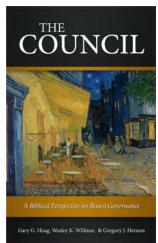


Any questions regarding the four councils?

Any comments in response to this biblical teaching?

This mindset has four parts that sum up the biblical material to help us govern in a manner that seems good to the Holy Spirit and to us (Acts 15:28).

With each point, boards must make decisions to "abstain" from worldly pitfalls by "adopting" patterns of the exemplary biblical councils.



1. Abstain from allowing wealth, status, and/or lineage to serve as guiding factors for selecting overseers by adopting a selection process that places a priority on Christian maturity and administrative gifting over other candidate criteria.

2. Abstain from the tendency to rule or control churches and organizations from a sitting posture by adopting a practice of standing and listening to the reading of Scripture as a reminder, at every meeting, to govern under God's rule.

3. Abstain from idolatry to money by adopting standards of responsible stewardship to make sure that the churches and organizations you serve depend on the Holy Spirit rather than money as the power of ministry.

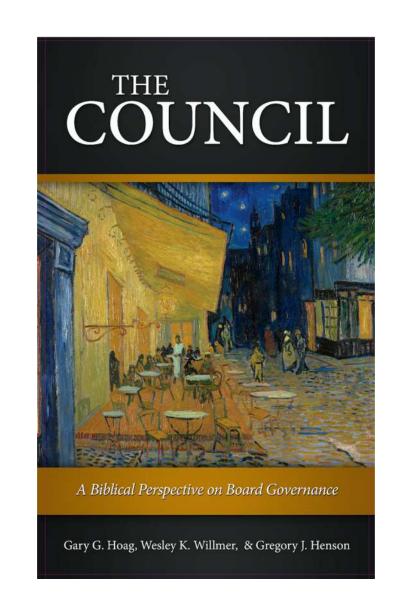
4. Abstain from pride by adopting rhythms of prayer and fasting before God, humble service toward others, and submission to peer accountability to verify compliance with standards of responsible stewardship.

Q/A or Comments

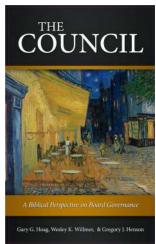
Four Councils

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- 2. The Sanhedrin
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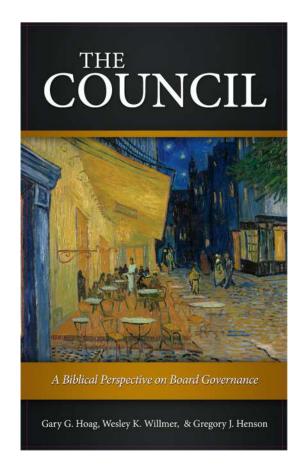
Biblical Mindset: (1) Selection Process. (2) Standing / Scripture, (3) Stewardship. (4) Standards



Closing Check-out



"What is ONE WORD that sums up your response to this biblical approach to board governance?"





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