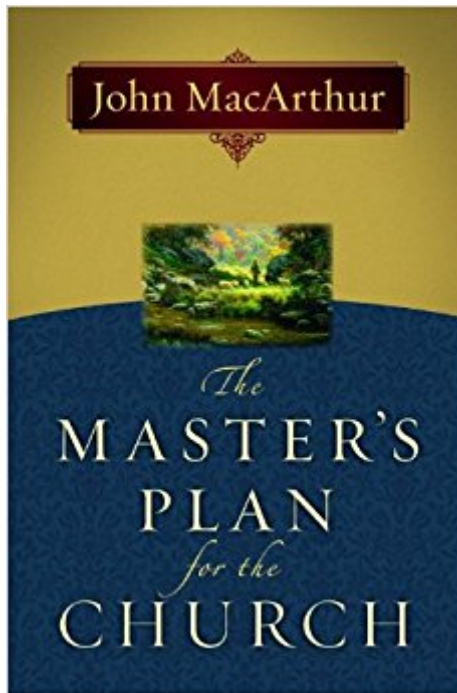




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# The Master's Plan For The Church



## Synopsis

It is absolutely essential that a church perceive itself as an institution for the glory of God, and to do that—claims John MacArthur—the local church must adhere unfalteringly to biblical leadership principles. Christ never intended church leadership to be earned by seniority, purchased with money, or inherited through family ties. He never compared church leaders to governing monarchs, but rather to humble shepherds; not to slick celebrities, but to laboring servants. Drawing from some of the best-received material on church leadership, this updated edition guides the church with crucial, effective lessons in leadership. This book is valuable not only for pastors and elders, but for anyone else who wants the church to be what God intended it to be.

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## Customer Reviews

John MacArthur is on the cutting edge of church leadership and church development. He not only knows this critical area biblically but pragmatically as well, since his own church models the principles in this book.—Dr. Tony Evans, pastor and author  
The book *The Master's Plan for the Church* is indeed a masterwork. Like other works by John MacArthur, it shows solid biblical scholarship and practical application.—Dr. Adrian Rogers, pastor, Bellview Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee  
John MacArthur has done church leaders a great service. His new edition of *The Master's Plan for the Church* is the thorough, biblically-based book we are used to finding when we read MacArthur. I commend it to church leaders everywhere.—Dr. Jerry Vines, pastor, First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Florida

JOHN MACARTHUR is the pastor-teacher of Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, California; president of The Master's College and Seminary; and featured teacher for the Grace to You media ministry. Weekly telecasts and daily radio broadcasts of "Grace to You" are seen and heard by millions worldwide. John has also written several bestselling books, including The MacArthur Study Bible, The Gospel According to Jesus, The New Testament Commentary series, Twelve Ordinary Men, and The Truth War. He and his wife, Patricia, have four married children and fifteen grandchildren.

I ordered this book after seeing it advertised on John MacArthur's website. When I first started reading it, I mistakenly thought I had purchased a textbook for church pastors, but as I read further, I discovered that it describes in detail the components that make up a healthy, dynamic church. It's an interesting read, based on what God's Word says about church leaders and church members alike, written by a gifted theologian, pastor and teacher. This is a valuable addition to my personal library.

I think this is a good book on church leadership MacArthur rejects all cultural and pragmatic approaches to church leadership for a strict Biblical approach which is refreshing . He has a low opinion of people who read secular books on leadership as a way to develop church leadership pointing out the church is radically different than any secular organization .I think he discounts the value that can be found in such books but his emphasis on the Bible as the guide to leadership is refreshing and I think also correct. He actually could have gone into more detail on some of the topics but this is a very good book

There definitely isn't a "perfect" way to do church, but there certainly are wrong ways. John MacArthur gives us a look into his thought process and why he has maintained certain distinctives in his church. Having gone to his church for the past seven years, I learned many things that I had either not noticed or had just taken for granted. One thing I appreciate about his is that he is writing from having spent over 40 years pastoring the same church. You just can't find that anywhere. A great book to glean insights from and heavily backed by verses in the Bible which should be our guide in how the church should function.

I have researched and studied several books on ecclesiastical topics and pastoral ministry and I

must say this book is probably the most biblical, historical, and theological book I have read on the topic. MacArthur as always is concerned only with what the Scriptures say to us when it comes to who a pastor is to be, what is he to do, and how a local congregation is to minister. In a culture saturated with pragmatism and C.E.O type pastors a book like this truly is a treasure. Every seminary should teach with resources like this!

Although the "Master's Plan for the Church" (MPftC) came out before "Ashamed of the Gospel" (AotG), I recommend reading AotG before MPftC. AotG presents a broader base for what problems exist (e.g., watering down the gospel) and why they exist. MPftC is more of a practical application -- now that AotG has shown what to avoid, MPftC shows a better way to implement things in your church. Our denomination (CRC - Christian Reformed Church) has most of those things in place and does a pretty good job of staying true to how a church should be run. MPftC helps keep our minds in line with doing the right things and not just things because "we've always done it that way". Most of the chapters and appendixes are taken from sermons at the author's church. The format is easy to read and well organized. The appendixes fill the final one-third of the book and are required reading. I recommend getting both books for your church library (we have AotG and probably will get MPftC soon).

Very thorough and to the point in so many aspects of the church. From backing up why a plurality of elders to church discipline. A very good read that will point the reader of what God truly wants from His church based on the biblical model set forth in the New Testament. I extremely liked the area describing the elder; his qualifications and disqualifications based on what the Greek text provides. In the back of the book in the appendixes he then tackles questions regarding different aspects of the church, such as major questions regarding elders and deacons. He defends many topics including having one of the elders being the lead (teaching pastor) to why the elders can, but not as a rule, be paid. I would recommend this to anyone wanting to reconfirm what the Bible teaches on the church and not our traditions passed on generation upon generation. Very big help!

We have the idea of the Church all WRONG!!!! This book is needed to put the true Church of God back on the correct path!

Fast Delivery! I pick up this book to read and I love the context. This is certainly a book every christian on this earth should read. Those who are eager to do what is holy and righteous in God's

eyes. 4 rating is due to not finish reading the book yet.

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