

## The Offering of the Office Holder

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The Heavenly Constitution specifies a small number of public offices. The Supreme Council has 13. The *Jeong Won* (executive) has an International President, Vice-President and heads of providential organizations, and the *Beob Won* (court), *Jae Won* (economy) and *Gong Won* (media) each have 9. The largest body, the *Eui Won* (legislature), has a Chair, Vice-Chair and a maximum of 120 elected members.

And office-holders don't serve very long. With three exceptions, they have a maximum of three four-year terms. The exceptions are the Supreme Council Chair and International President of the *Jeong Won*, who have seven-year terms without

limit—and one person may hold both offices—and the members of the *Eui Won*, who may be elected to four-year terms without limit.

The Constitution specifies one elected position, the *Eui Won* member, and leaves the matter of elections for other offices to future discussion. I will discuss the matter of elections and the one position for which lineage is a qualification in later posts.

There are no criteria for office-holders as to race, nationality, religion, age, gender, social status, disability, lineal relationship to True Parents (with one exception) and Blessing status. The Constitution's stated criteria for public office are faith, character, professionalism, effectiveness and dignity.

The dignity of the office-holder stands on the duties of the citizen: to practice absolute sex, live for others, respect public ownership, minister True Parents' words, and participate in a God-centered family and tribe.

During their tenures, office-holders go beyond that. Father's Principle is that the subject partner becomes zero, sacrificially offering everything for the object partner. Jesus said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all."

Office holders and their families carry the yoke of living for others on the national level. To serve the nation, the office-holder sacrificially offers his or her family. Reciprocally, families sacrificially offer the office-holder. In turn, the nation carries out policies that advance the well-being and rights of *all* the citizens. This fulfills the *three object purpose* under God, which perfects the national *four position foundation* of God, individual, family and Cheon Il Guk.

(References: Mark 10:42-44; *Cheon Il Guk Constitution* Article 12; *Exposition of Divine Principle* p. 25.)