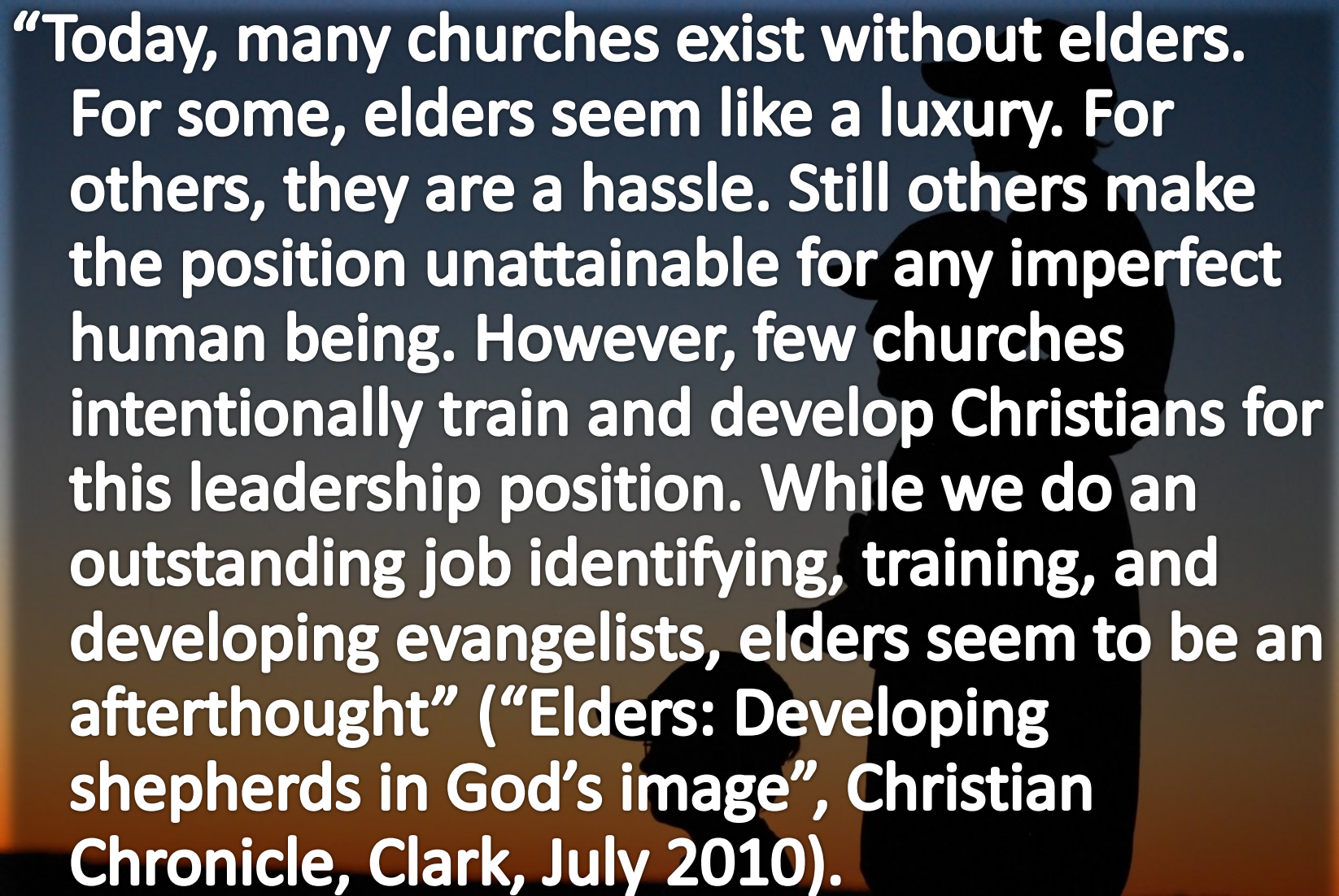


**“DO YOU SEE
YOURSELF AS AN
ELDER SOMEDAY?”**

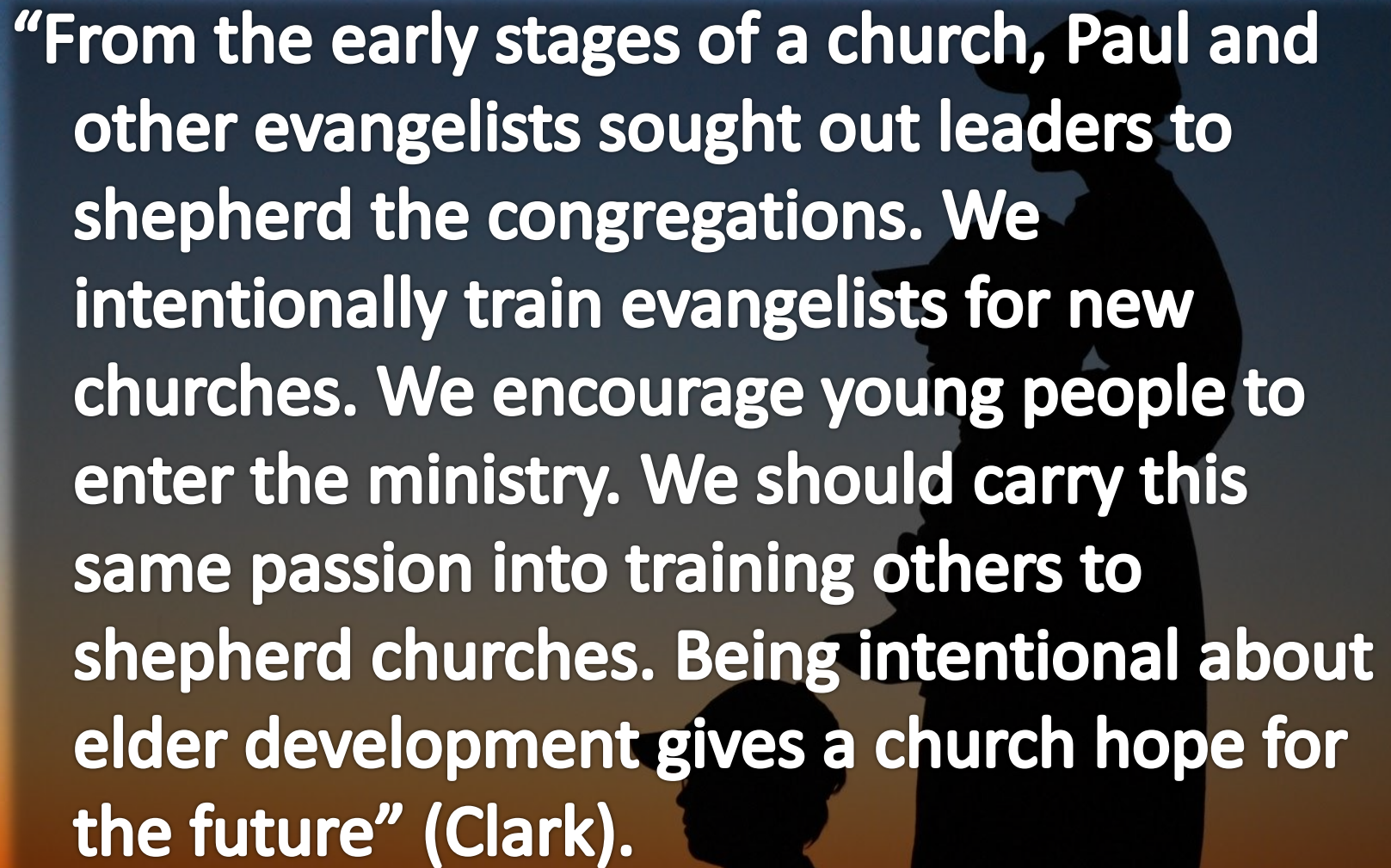


The background of the slide features a silhouette of a person standing in a church, with other silhouettes of people visible in the background, suggesting a church service or gathering. The text is overlaid on this image.

“Today, many churches exist without elders. For some, elders seem like a luxury. For others, they are a hassle. Still others make the position unattainable for any imperfect human being. However, few churches intentionally train and develop Christians for this leadership position. While we do an outstanding job identifying, training, and developing evangelists, elders seem to be an afterthought” (“Elders: Developing shepherds in God’s image”, Christian Chronicle, Clark, July 2010).

- *“For this reason I left you in Crete, that you might set in order what remains, and appoint elders in every city as I directed you” (Titus 1:5).*
- *“And when they had appointed elders in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed” (Acts 14:23).*



The background of the image shows the silhouettes of two people, an adult and a child, standing and looking towards the right. They are positioned against a bright, low sun that creates a strong orange and yellow glow along the horizon, with the sky above transitioning into a deep blue. The overall mood is contemplative and hopeful.

“From the early stages of a church, Paul and other evangelists sought out leaders to shepherd the congregations. We intentionally train evangelists for new churches. We encourage young people to enter the ministry. We should carry this same passion into training others to shepherd churches. Being intentional about elder development gives a church hope for the future” (Clark).

INTENTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The background of the slide features a silhouette of a family against a sunset sky. A woman stands on the right, holding a child on her hip. To their left, a man and another child stand together, looking out over a dark horizon. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange glow at the horizon line.

- Making time for our families
- Being defensive of our families
- Embrace that you are being “watched”
- Management, even with difficult cases
- Self-control, inside and outside the home
- Learn from failures
- Teaching and leading start in the home

“DO YOU DESIRE THE OFFICE?”

1 Timothy 3:1



YOUR UNIQUE SKILL SET

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- While 1 Timothy 3:1ff and Titus 1:5ff do give us a complete picture of the qualifications of an elder, many requirements of the office are open-ended in their application.
- How does a man “teach”, for example?
- Never let your uniqueness be an obstacle to aspiring to the eldership. Rather, find ways of embracing your own set of strengths and weaknesses.

**IT MIGHT SNEAK UP
ON YOU**

