

How Does the Eldership Work?

CHURCH OFFICE

For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you...

- Titus 1:5 (see also Acts 14:23)

But He said to him, "Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbitrator over you?"

- Luke 12:14 (See also Hebrews 5:1)

Hello my name is

Elder Shepherd Overseer From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church.

- Acts 20:17

Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

- Acts 20:28

Elder/Presbyter

Denotes that they should have the life experience and dignity that only comes with age, specifically not a novice in spiritual or congregational matters



Shepherd/Pastor

They are to care for the congregation, providing needed care, leading them to spiritual health, and protecting them from harm



Overseer/Bishop

A guardian, placed so as to ensure that the work of the church is done correctly, especially in administration of the gospel and church funds



¹ Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, ² shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; ³ nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.

- 1 Peter 5:1–3



Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

- Hebrews 13:17

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First Missionary Journey - AD 45-48

Second Missionary Journey - AD 51-54

The day to day operations of the church are not explicitly detailed in Scripture, whether there are elders or not, but the church must function.

Men are the heads of home and congregation therefore it makes sense for them to lead.

