



# Biblical Eldership

Titus 3:14-15

# 1 Timothy 3:14-15

- I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; **15** but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.



Elders provide shepherding  
and oversight for the church

# Acts 20:28

- 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.

# 1 Timothy 5:17

- The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.

# Hebrews 13:17

- 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.

# John 21:15-17

- So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My lambs.”
- He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Shepherd My sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus \*said to him, “Tend My sheep.”

# Acts 20:28-31

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# Titus 1:9

- holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

Elders provide an example to  
the flock.

# 1 Peter 5:1-4

- Therefore, I exhort the elders among you...shepherd the flock of God among you...exercising oversight...proving to be examples to the flock.

# Acts 20:17, 28

- From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church...Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers.

Elders lead the church.

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Elders serve as a team.

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- Therefore, I exhort the *elders* among you, as *your* fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ...And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Scripture gives us insight as to  
how to recognize elders.

# Titus 1:5

- “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.”



# 1 Timothy 5:22

- “Do not lay hands upon anyone too hastily and thereby share the responsibility for the sins of others...”

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:2

- “The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

# Principles and Application

- The office of an elder is God's design, and those who hold this office are accountable to other leaders, and ultimately to God.

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- Those who desire to serve Christ and His body as an elder should;
  - Reflect upon why they desire this role.
  - Reflect on the responsibilities and qualifications of an elder.

