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# ACTS

11:27-30



Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from come a witness with us of his resurrection.”

# Position of Elder/ Overseer/Pastor

**Eph. 4:11-16**

When the day of Pentecost came suddenly a sound like



**1 Tim. 3:1-7**

**Titus 1:5-11**

**1 Peter 5:1-4**



# **Who Are They?**

- 1. Full of the Spirit & Wisdom (Acts 6:3)**
- 2. Above reproach/Blameless/Upright**
- 3. Husband of one wife**
- 4. Temperate/ Vigilant**
- 5. Self Controlled/ Sober**
- 6. Respectable/ of Good Behavior**
- 7. Hospitable**

# **Who Are They?**

**8. Able to Teach/ Apt to Teach**

**9. Not given to drunkenness**

**10. Gentle/ patient**

**11. Not Quarrelsome/ Not a Brawler**

**12. Not a lover of money/ Not greedy/  
Not persuing dishonest gain**



# **Who Are They?**

**13. Must manage his family well/  
children are believers, obedient,  
respectful not wild**

- ▶ **If can't manage his own family has no  
business leading at church**

**14. Must not be a recent convert**

- ▶ **May become conceited/prideful**

**15. Good reputation with outsiders**

# **Qualifications or Who are they?**

**16. Not over bearing/ Not lording it over those entrusted to them**

**17. One who loves good**

**18. Holy & Disciplined**

**19. Must hold firmly to the trustworthy message**

- ▶ encourage others by sound doctrine & refute those who oppose it



# Who Are They?

20. Eager to serve

21. Examples to the flock

- ▶ Paul - “Follow my example as I follow Christ” 1 Cor. 11:1



# Paul to the Ephesian Elders

“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. 29 I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. 30 Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. 31 So be on your guard!”

~ Acts 20:28-32 | NIV84



“Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.  
32 “Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”

~ Acts 20:28-32 | NIV84



# **Why & How are they chosen?**

- ✿ **Appointed in every church (Acts 14:23-24, Titus 1:5)**
- ✿ **Guard the Flock**
- ✿ **Meet the previous qualifications**
- ✿ **Direct church affairs - 1 Tim. 5:17-21**
- ✿ **A desire or willing to serve not cause they have to (1 Tim. 3:1, 1 Pet 5:2)**



# **Why & How are they chosen?**

- ✿ **Eager to serve & not to Lord it over others (1 Pet 5:3)**
- ✿ **Are examples**
- ✿ **1 Tim. 5:22 - not being hasty to lay hands on (not a recent convert)**
- ✿ **Fruit of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 7:15-23, Gal. 5:22-23)**



# Elder's Job Description

## #1 - Shepherd God's Flock(Church)

- ▶ **Example set by Jesus - John 10:1-18**
  - **He knows the sheep & sheep know him, leads the sheep, protection/gate keepers, impart life, serves/lays down life, unity of flock**
- ▶ **Psalm 23 - feeds, health, restoration, lead through difficulty, discipline**



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# Elder's Job Description

## #2 - Entrusted with God's Work

- ▶ Jn 6:28-29 - they believe & help others to
- ▶ Equip the saints (Eph. 4)
- ▶ Preach & Teach (1 Tim. 5:17)
  - Sound doctrine (Titus 1:9)
- ▶ Lead by obeying God's commands = loving him & others



# Elder's Job Description

## #2 - Entrusted with God's Work

- ▶ **Discipline (Ps. 23:4 rod & staff)**
  - **Refute those who oppose the truth (Titus 1:9)**
  - **Carry out - Matt. 18:15-20**
  - **Open to it themselves- 1 Tim. 5:19-20**



# Elder's Job Description

## #3 - Direct Church Affairs (1 Tim. 5:17)

- ▶ Vision, goals, mission & purpose
- ▶ See in Acts 11 - oversaw money, made sure gifts were appropriately used
  - What about the Financial Board?
    - Only a “Check & balance” = for nonprofit 501c3 status (Not the ruling body = deacons)



# **Elder's Job Description**

## **#3 - Direct Church Affairs (1 Tim. 5:17)**

### **▶ Overseeing practical week to week**

- Plugging people into ministries
- Appointing leaders & staff
- Checking what is taught
- Conducting services
- Jump in where needed



# Elder's Job Description

## #4 - Prayer

- ▶ James 5:14-17 - especially the sick
- ▶ Similar to the apostles Acts 6:3-4 = prayer & the word
- ✱ Can be paid staff or volunteer - equal value & authority



# Seriousness of the position

“6 But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.”

~ Matthew 18:6 | NIV84



“4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

~ Deuteronomy 6:4-9 | NIV84