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Elders: Who are they? What are they to do? Who holds them accountable? - 1 Timothy 3:1-7

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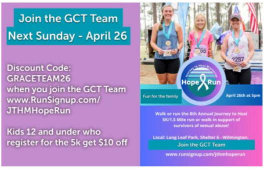
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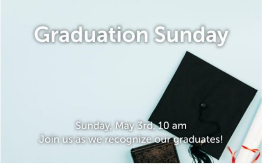

Isaiah 42:6–9 ESV

> “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
> I will take you by the hand and keep you;
> I will give you as a covenant for the people,
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> to open the eyes that are blind,
> to...

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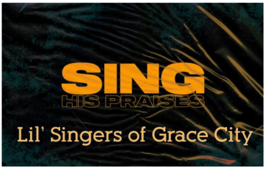
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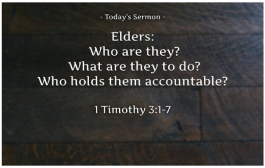

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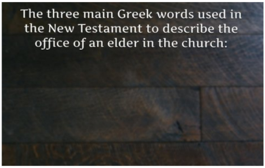
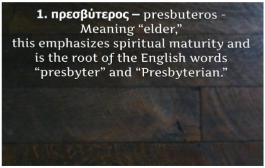
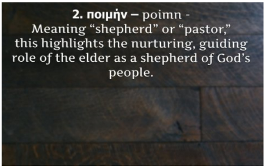


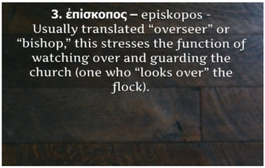
The three main Greek words used in the New Testament to describe the office of an elder in the church:



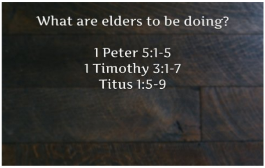
1. πρεσβύτερος – presbuteros -
Meaning "elder,"
this emphasizes spiritual maturity and is the root of the English words "presbyter" and "Presbyterian."



2. ποιμήν – poimn -
Meaning "shepherd" or "pastor,"
this highlights the nurturing, guiding role of the elder as a shepherd of God's people.



3. ἐπίσκοπος – episkopos -
Usually translated "overseer" or "bishop," this stresses the function of watching over and guarding the church (one who "looks over" the flock).



What are elders to be doing?

1 Peter 5:1-5
1 Timothy 3:1-7
Titus 1:5-9

1 Peter 5:1–5 ESV

> So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion,...

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1 Timothy 3:1–7 ESV

> The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a...

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Titus 1:5–9 ESV

> This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of...

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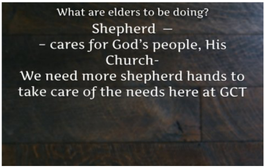
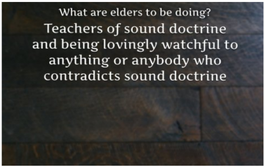
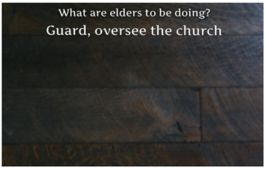


What are elders to be doing?
Shepherd —
– cares for God's people, His Church-
We need more shepherd hands to take care of the needs here at GCT



What are elders to be doing?
Teachers of sound doctrine and being lovingly watchful to anything or anybody who contradicts sound doctrine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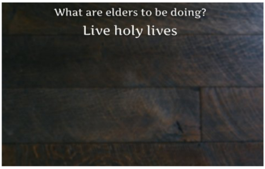
Guard, oversee the church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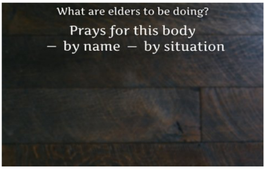
Live holy lives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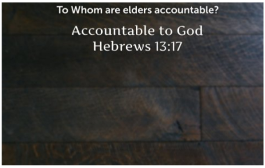
Prays for this body
— by name — by situation


To Whom are elders accountable?

Accountable to God
Hebrews 13:17

Hebrews 13:17 ESV

> Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

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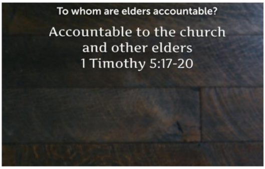
To whom are elders accountable?

Accountable to the church
and other elders
1 Timothy 5:17-20

1 Timothy 5:17–20 ESV

> Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the

grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages." Do not...

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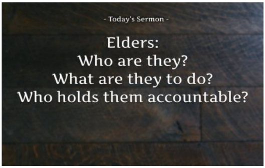

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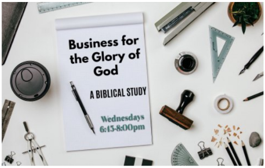

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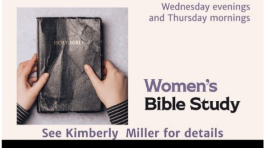

Wednesday evenings
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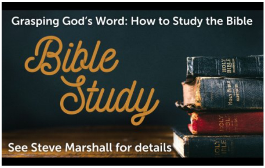

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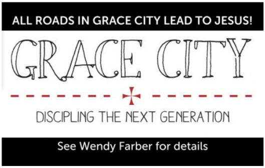

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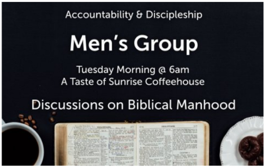

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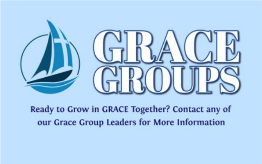
Discussions on Biblical Manhood



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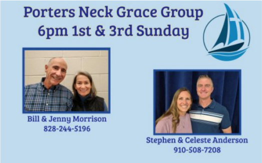

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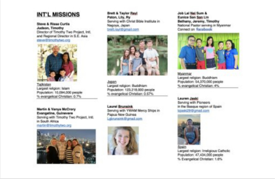

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Tajikistan
Largest religion: Islam
Population: 10,094,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 0.7%

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Japan
Largest religion: Buddhism
Population: 123,218,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 0.57%

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Population: 54,370,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 4%

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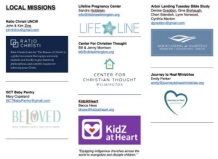

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