

# **Healthy Shephrds, Healthy Sheep**

**1 Peter 5:1-5 (ESV)**



*“Yes, the church is part of the good news of Jesus. And the church proclaims the good news of Jesus. But when men and women have only seen churches formed by unhealthy power, celebrity, competitiveness, secrecy, and self-protection, our corporate ecclesial life belies the truth of the gospel. The church can only witness to the truth of Jesus by seeking justice, serving with humility, operating transparently, and confessing and lamenting failures.” Scot McKnight*



*Scripture is our Authority*



# THE ELDER'S IDENTITY



*poimēn* – PASTOR



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*presbuteros* – ELDER



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*presbuteros – ELDER*

*episkopos – OVERSEER*



*An elder (noun) of a local church is a person set aside for the pastoring (verb), preaching (verb) and the oversight (verb) of the body for it's health and maturation to the Glory of Jesus Christ.*




# *THE ELDER'S QUALIFICATIONS*



The background is a dark, almost black, surface with a complex, wavy texture. The texture consists of numerous fine, undulating lines that create a sense of depth and movement, similar to ripples in water or the grain of a material like leather or stone. The lighting is subtle, highlighting the peaks of the waves and creating a slight contrast with the darker recesses.

# *THE ELDER'S ROLE*





# *THE ELDER'S DISPOSITION*



“The force of positional authority is never as impactful as relational ministry.” Johnny Ardivanis



# *THE ELDER'S MOTIVATION*





# *OUR RESPONSIBILITY*



**Healthy Shepherds protect the gospel,  
safeguards people, and grows the  
bride of Christ towards christlikeness**



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*Look to the return of the great shepherd who will  
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