

## Letters To Leaders 2

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Elders are called to lead the church by teaching God's Word, shepherding the flock one by one, and serving as examples of godly character.

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### Elder \_\_\_\_\_

- [1 Tim 3.2-7](#) & [Tit 1.6-9](#)
1. \_\_\_\_\_ Requirements
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ Requirements
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ Requirements
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ Requirements
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ Requirements

### Elder \_\_\_\_\_

- [1 Pet 5.1-3](#) & [Tit 1.9-10](#)
1. \_\_\_\_\_ the Flock
  2. Exercise \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Able to \_\_\_\_\_

### Elder \_\_\_\_\_

- [1 Tim 3.1, 5.17-18](#) & [1 Pet 5.4](#)
1. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ task
  2. Double \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ Reward

## Group Questions

1. What do churches typically expect their pastors to do? List everything you can think of.
  - a. Do you think there's anything churches typically expect pastors to do that they shouldn't? Or anything that churches don't expect but they should?
2. What does it mean, practically, to shepherd a church? What are some examples of what shepherding entails?
3. Read [Acts 20:17-38](#). What characterized Paul's way of life among the Ephesians (vv. 18–21, 27, 31, 33–35)?
  - a. How does Paul's life hold up to Peter's teaching about how elders should live and exercise their ministries? (Hint: Look for explicit points of comparison between the two; there are lots!)
  - b. What does Paul charge the Ephesian elders to do? List all of his directions for them below. (See especially verses 28, 31, and 35.)
  - c. Do you think elders have an easy job? Why or why not?
4. Read [Heb 13.17](#). Given all that elders are responsible to do, what are some ways that you can help ensure that they shepherd you with joy and not with groaning?
5. What are some specific ways you can pray for your pastors or elders this week that are based on these passages? Write a few out below and then discuss them. Will you commit to praying these things for your elders, not only this week, but also on a regular basis?