

Shepherd The Flock Ephesians 4:11-14

Elder, Bishop, Shepherd

Elder

Older Man - one who is advanced in years

Exodus 3:16; 1Timothy 3:6

Bishop

An elder is a bishop - one in oversight as elders superintend the work of the local church

Acts 20:17,28; 1Timothy 3:1; Titus 1:5-7

Pastor/Shepherd

Provider/Protector - one who shepherds or tends a flock

Often confused with local preacher. Preacher can be elder, but not always so.

Ephesians 4:11; 1Peter 5:2; Acts 20:28

Elders - plurality of men make up an eldership - *Philippians 1:1; Acts 14:23; 11:29-30; 20:17; Titus 1:5; 1Peter 5:1*

In Every Church - *Acts 14:23; 20:17,28; Titus 1:5; Philippians 1:1; 1Peter 5:1-3*

Responsibility Of Elders

Soul - Watching - *Hebrews 13:17; Proverbs 11:30; 1Timothy 5:17*

Self - Humility - *Acts 20:28; 2Corinthians 13:5; Romans 2:21; 1Peter 5:6*

Example-Setting - *1Peter 5:3; John 10:4*

Flock-Tending - *Acts 20:28; 1Peter 5:2; Matthew 4:4*

Teaching - *1Timothy 3:2; 2Timothy 2:2*

Rebuke - *Titus 1:9-11; 2Timothy 2:15*

Overseeing - Rule - *1Peter 5:2-3; Ezekiel 3:17; Luke 15:3-7; Hebrews 13:17; 1Timothy 5:17; 3:4; Romans 12:8; Proverbs 29:18*

Responsibility of Congregation

Know & Esteem - *1Thessalonians 5:12-13; 1Timothy 5:17*

Hold accountable - *1Timothy 5:19-20*

Call On Them - *James 5:14*

Elders Are Part Of God's Plan

Scripture shows the need - *Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5*

Do we know better?

Should work diligently toward elder/shepherd/bishop

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