

One Role, Three Titles

This 5-day devotional guide will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "One Role, Three Titles." It may also be used as a guide for family devotions and is for the week beginning Monday, October 5, 2026.

Monday

Scripture: Acts 20:17

Questions for Reflection

- From where did Paul send a message, and to what city did he send it?
- Whom did Paul call to come to him from Ephesus?
- What does the word "elders" suggest about the kind of spiritual maturity God desires in church leaders?
- How can you better appreciate and pray for the mature spiritual leadership God provides for the church?

Questions for Children

- What city were the elders from?
- Who called the elders to come?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, thank You for giving Your church spiritual leaders who are called to serve with maturity and care. Help me honor

Your design by praying for them and responding to their leadership with a humble heart.

Tuesday

Scripture: Acts 20:28

Questions for Reflection

- According to this verse, to whom must the leaders first pay careful attention?
- Over whom has the Holy Spirit made these leaders overseers?
- Why is it important for church leaders to watch their own hearts before they watch over others?
- Where do you need to be more watchful in your own spiritual life this week?

Questions for Children

- Who made the leaders overseers?
- What group of people are the overseers supposed to watch over?

Prayer Prompt

Holy Spirit, help our church leaders watch over their own hearts and over the flock You have entrusted to them. Help me also to be alert to my own spiritual needs and quick to follow Your Word.

Wednesday

Scripture: Acts 20:28

Questions for Reflection

- What title does Acts 20:28 use for the leaders Paul called “elders” in Acts 20:17?
- What does an overseer do for the flock according to the wording of the verse?
- How does the title “overseer” help you understand the responsibility and seriousness of church leadership?
- How can you encourage your church leaders as they carry the responsibility of spiritual oversight?

Questions for Children

- What title does verse 28 use for the elders?
- Who gave them this work to do?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, thank You for overseers who are called to watch carefully over Your people. Give them wisdom, courage, and love, and help me support their work with prayer and encouragement.

Thursday

Scripture: Acts 20:28

Questions for Reflection

- What action are these leaders commanded to take toward the church of God?

- What image does the word “flock” give us for understanding the church?
- How does the title “shepherd” help you see church leadership as more than administration or authority?
- How can you receive shepherding care with humility rather than resistance?

Questions for Children

- What word in the verse compares the church to sheep?
- What are shepherds supposed to do for the flock?

Prayer Prompt

Jesus, thank You for caring for Your church like a shepherd cares for sheep. Help our leaders shepherd faithfully, and help me listen gladly to the care You provide through them.

Friday

Scripture: Acts 20:17, 28

Questions for Reflection

- What three descriptions of the same church leaders appear in Acts 20:17 and 20:28?
- What does Acts 20:28 say about the value of the church of God?
- How does remembering that Christ purchased the church with His own blood shape the way you view the church?

- What is one way you can contribute to the health and unity of Christ's flock this week?

Questions for Children

- What three words help describe the same church leaders?
- How did God purchase the church?

Prayer Prompt

Father, thank You that the church belongs to You because Christ purchased it with His own blood. Help me value Your church, pray for its leaders, and live as a faithful part of Your flock.