

Shepherding the Flock of God

1 Peter 5:1-5

Pew Bible: 1016



Elder-Led Congregationalism



Elder = Overseer = Pastor

(presbuteros = episkopos = poimen)



Acts 20:17,28

Pew Bible: 929



Titus 1:5,7

Pew Bible: 998



Elders are men



Plurality of Elders



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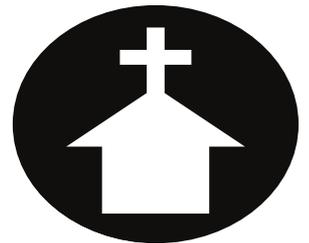
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**What is an elder?
What does he do?**



Central Idea

An elder ***serves***
through ***godly shepherding.***



An elder is...

...one who serves the body of Christ by shepherding the body through the oversight of the church and the care of souls and by providing godly wisdom and a godly example that can be followed.



An elder...

- **Shepherds** the body
- **Oversees** the church
- **Cares** for souls
- **Provides** godly wisdom
- **Lives** a godly example



1 Pet 2:25

Pew Bible: 1015



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**How does an elder
do this?**



Key Point

An elder shepherds
as Christ would shepherd.



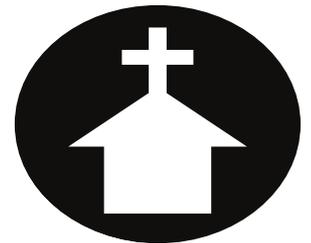
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**Why does an elder
do this?**



Key Point

An elder shepherds
to partake in the glory of God.



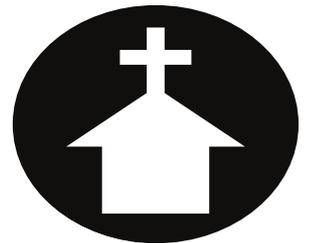
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**What makes for a
good elder?**



Key Point

An elder shepherds by
***teaching and displaying
godliness.***



Character Qualities of an Elder



- 1. Above reproach** (1 Tim 3:2; Titus 1:6,7)
- 2. Husband of one wife** (1 Tim 3:2; Titus 1:6)
- 3. Sober-minded** (1 Tim 3:2)
- 4. Self-controlled** (1 Tim 3:2; Titus 1:8)
- 5. Respectable** (1 Tim 3:2)
- 6. Hospitable** (1 Tim 3:2; Titus 1:8)

Character Qualities of an Elder



- 7. Not a drunkard** (1 Tim 3:3; Titus 1:7)
- 8. Gentle, not violent**
(1 Tim 3:3; Titus 1:7; 2 Tim 2:25)
- 9. Not quarrelsome** (1 Tim 3:3; 2 Tim 2:24)
- 10. Not a lover of money/greedy for gain**
(1 Tim 3:3; Titus 1:7; 1 Pet 5:2)
- 11. Manage his own household well**
(1 Tim 3:4-5)
- 12. Keeping his children submissive in a dignified way** (1 Tim 3:4)

Character Qualities of an Elder



- 13. Children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination** (Titus 1:6)
- 14. Not a recent convert** (1 Tim 3:6)
- 15. Well thought of by outsiders**
(1 Tim 3:7)
- 16. Humble, not arrogant** (Titus 1:7; 1 Pet 5:5; Matt 10:25-28; Mark 10:42-45)
- 17. Not quick-tempered** (Titus 1:7)
- 18. A lover of good** (Titus 1:8)

Character Qualities of an Elder



- 19. Upright** (Titus 1:8)
- 20. Holy** (Titus 1:8)
- 21. Disciplined** (Titus 1:8)
- 22. Be an example to the flock**
(1 Pet 5:3; Heb 13:7)
- 23. Kind** (2 Tim 2:24)
- 24. Patient** (2 Tim 2:25)

“A call to leadership in the church is a call to a life of willing sacrifice and service.”

Paul David Tripp



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