

The Character of Godly Shepherds

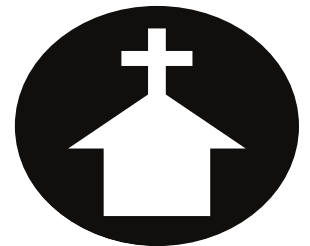
1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9

Pew Bible: 992, 998



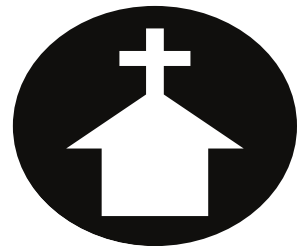
An elder is...

...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**



Remember your leaders,
those who spoke to you the
word of God. ***Consider the
outcome of their way of life,
and imitate their faith.***

Hebrews 13:7 (ESV)



Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, ***as those who will have to give an account.***

Heb 13:17a (ESV)



Let them do this ***with joy***
and not with groaning, for
that would be of no
advantage to you.

Heb 13:17b (ESV)



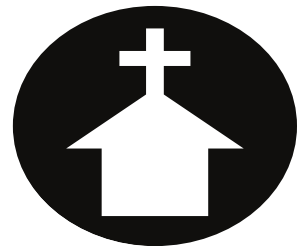
For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to *the Shepherd and Overseer* of your souls.

1 Peter 2:25 (ESV)



Central Idea

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Essence



Caution!

The Demand for Perfection



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Family



Titus 2:1-8

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Temperament



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