



Church Role Call: Elders

1 Timothy

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Titus 1:7-9, 1 Timothy 3: 1-7

An Elder -

Is known as a teacher of God's Word.

Is to be an "overseer". *Acts 20:28*

Elders are to lead by example

The Elders are role models for the rest of the congregation.

An Elder is to guide and care for the congregation. *1 Peter 5:1-2*

Elders will be held accountable to God for how they lead/ protect His flock.

Elder are to co-labor with the ministers.

Acts 20:28-31, Hebrews 13:17

The church is not a democracy.

The church is a Theocracy.

Titus 1:5, Acts 20:28, Acts 14:23

For the elders to be effective in their role, the congregation needs to humbly follow.

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Titus 1:7-9 NLT An elder is a manager of God's household, so he must live a blameless life. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered; he must not be a heavy drinker, violent, or dishonest with money. ⁸ Rather, he must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must love what is good. He must live wisely and be just. He must live a devout and disciplined life. ⁹ He must have a strong belief in the trustworthy message he was taught; then he will be able to encourage others with wholesome teaching and show those who oppose it where they are wrong.

1 Timothy 3: 1-7 NLT This is a trustworthy saying: "If someone aspires to be an elder, he desires an honorable position."² So an elder must be a man whose life is above reproach. He must be faithful to his wife. He must exercise self-control, live wisely, and have a good reputation. He must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must be able to teach. ³ He must not be a heavy drinker or be violent. He must be gentle, not quarrelsome, and not love money. ⁴ He must manage his own family well, having children who respect and obey him. ⁵ For if a man cannot manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church? ⁶ An elder must not be a new believer, because he might become proud, and the devil would cause him to fall. ⁷ Also, people outside the church must speak well of him so that he will not be disgraced and fall into the devil's trap.

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Qualifications for a good Elder:

- He's a good family man
- He's not someone who has to have his own way (not overbearing)
- He's doesn't get angry easily
- He's not a drinker
- He's a good teacher
- He's mature in the faith
- He has a good reputation
- He's a honest, gentle man who likes helping people out
- It's obvious he takes his faith seriously and works at living a holy/disciplined life
- He knows the Bible well enough so that he can use Scripture to encourage believers

and oppose heresy

- He must have a strong enough character to stand against immorality and false teachers

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An Elder is to be an "overseer". Acts 20:28 NASB, Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

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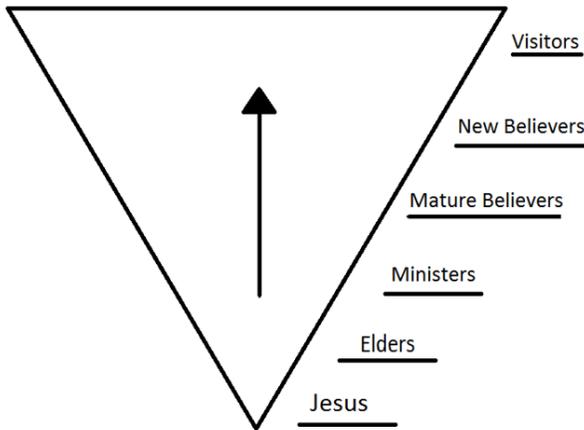
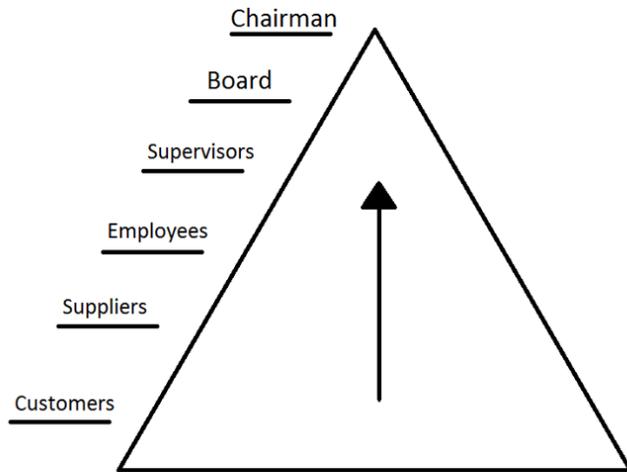
1 Peter 5:1-2 NLT And now, a word to you who are elders in the churches. I, too, am an elder and a witness to the sufferings of Christ. And I, too, will share in His glory when He is revealed to the whole world. As a fellow elder, I appeal to you: ² Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.

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A church will ONLY be as strong and loving as it's Elders are.

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Acts 20:28-31 NLT “So guard yourselves and God’s people. Feed and shepherd God’s flock—His church, purchased with His own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders. ²⁹ I know that false teachers, like vicious wolves, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock. ³⁰ Even some men from your own group will rise up and distort the truth in order to draw a following. ³¹ Watch out! Remember the three years I was with you—my constant watch and care over you night and day, and my many tears for you.

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Titus 1:9 NLT He (an Elder) must have a strong belief in the trustworthy message he was taught; then he will be able to encourage others with wholesome teaching and show those who oppose it where they are wrong.

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Hebrews 13:17 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. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

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*Titus 1:5 NLT I left you on the island of Crete so you could complete our work there and **appoint** elders in each town as I instructed you.*
*Acts 20:28 NLT “So guard yourselves and God’s people. Feed and shepherd God’s flock—His church, purchased with His own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has **appointed** you as leaders.*
*Acts 14:23 NLT Paul and Barnabas also **appointed** elders in every church. With prayer and fasting, they turned the elders over to the care of the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.*

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