

“What Does the Bible Say?”
Elders, Deacons, Evangelists, Members

Explore/Describe the roles and qualities of elders/deacons/evangelists, their responsibilities to the flock, to each other, and our duties/responsibilities to them.

What does it mean to be an elder/shepherd/overseer and deacon?

Are the qualifications for elders found in 1 Tim. 3 and Titus 1 mandatory requirements for a man being eligible to serve as an elder?

Why is it not OK for a man to be an elder/deacon if he doesn't have children? If an elder or deacon has children that have fallen away from God, does he need to step down?

Define and give examples of the elders' roles: elder, shepherd, bishop, pastor.

Please explain, define and discuss terms used for elders, such as overseer, shepherd, bishop, steward, etc. in the context that they are used for elders.

Why are elders uniquely tasked with and being responsible for watching over and being accountable for our souls? Acts 20:28, Heb.13:17?

Elders were not new to the NT Christians; the Israelites had elders back in OT times. They were counselors. They decided what direction the community would go. They watched out for false doctrine. They disciplined. Were they the model for NT elders?

Why was it so important for the apostles to appoint elders in every congregation?

Should elders be full-time? Should they be paid?