



# ***Elders - The Spiritual Shepherds***

## ***Various Passages***



**Three Types of O.T. Leaders**





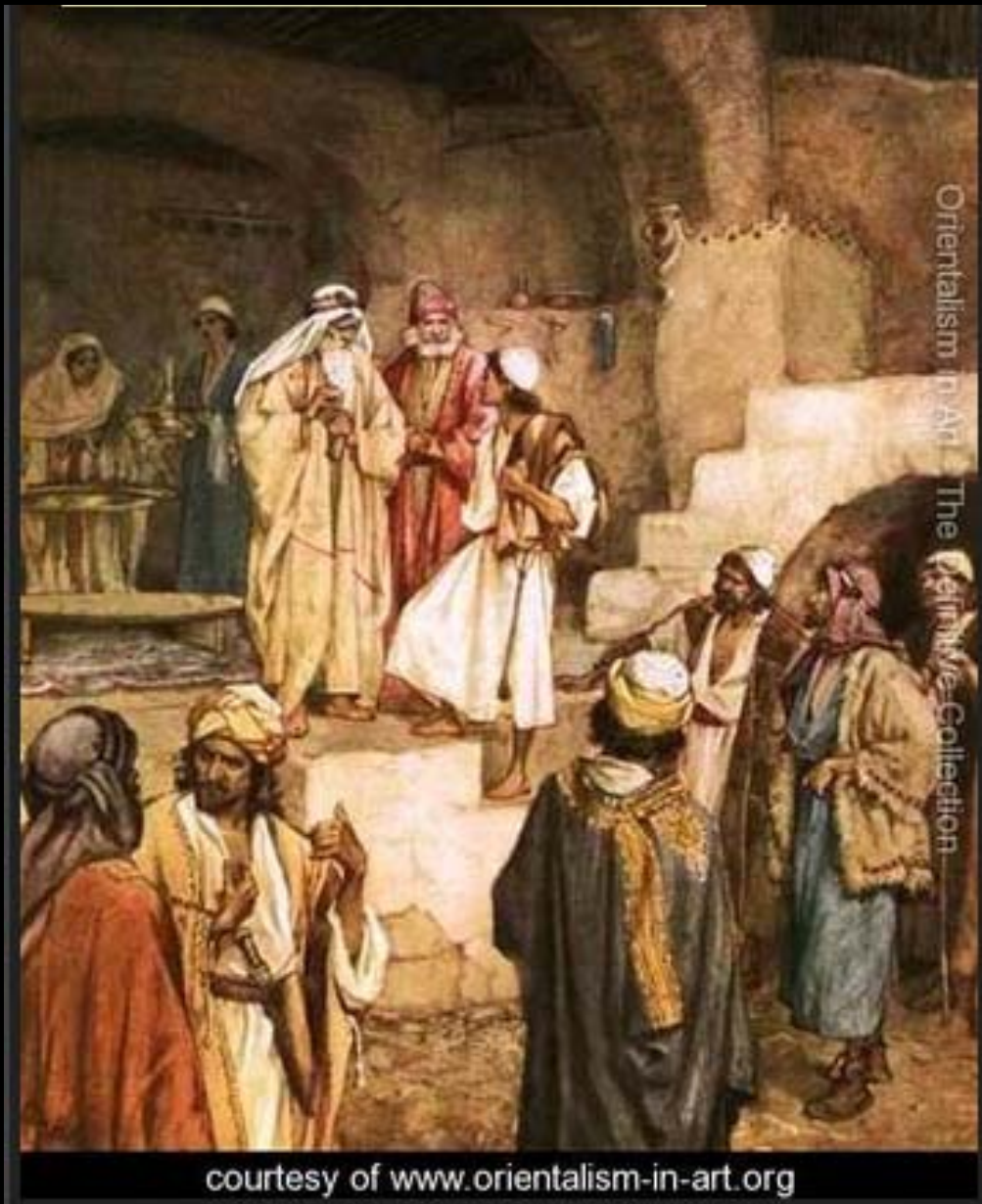
**Samuel Anoints Saul King**





**Saul Rejected From Being King**

# David Anointed King





# *Two Types of N.T. Spiritual Leaders*



# Who Are God's Leaders?



Paul and Timothy,  
bond-servants of  
Christ Jesus, to  
in Christ Jesus  
who are in  
Philippi,  
including the  
and

. . . all the saints

. . . overseers  
. . . deacons

Philippians 1:1



All of us



God's  
Leaders

# Where They Appear Throughout The N.T.

Elder πρεσβυτερος	Shepherd ποιμην	Overseer επισκοπος	Deacon διακονος	Related Passages
Acts 11:30 Acts 14:23 Acts 15:2-23 Acts 16:4 Acts 20:17 Acts 21:18 1 Tim. 5:17-19 Titus 1:5 James 5:14 1 Peter 5:1-5	Acts 20:28 Eph. 4:11 1 Peter 5:2	Acts 20:28 Phil. 1:1 1 Tim. 3:1-7 Titus 1:6-9	Acts 6:1-6 Phil. 1:1 1 Tim. 3:8-12	Acts 6:1-6 1 Thess. 5:12-14 Heb. 13:7, 17

Appear  
Together



# All Aspects of Leadership Covered

Topic	Elders	Deacons	Together
Ministry Established	Acts 11:30 Acts 14:23 Titus 1:5	Acts 6:1-6	Phil. 1:1
Qualifications Given	1 Tim. 3:1-7 Titus 1:6-9	1 Tim. 3:8-12	
Responsibilities Implied & Stated	Acts 15:2-23 Acts 20:17-28 1 Tim. 5:17-19 James 5:14	Acts 6:1-6 1 Tim. 3:12	
Call To Honor	1 Peter 5:1-5 1 Thess. 5:12-14 1 Tim. 5:17-19 Heb. 13:7, 17	1 Thess. 5:12-14 Heb. 13:7	
Guidelines For Discipline	1 Tim. 5:17-19		

# Elders = Shepherds = Overseers

Elder	Shepherd	Overseer	Deacon	Related Passages
πρεσβυτερος	ποιμην	επισκοπος	διακονος	
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Same Group of Men

# ***The Elders' Priority – Word & Teaching***



Let the elders who . . .

**lead<sup>1</sup> well  
be considered worthy of double  
honor . . .**

1 Timothy 5:17

<sup>1</sup>Greek Word = “stand before, protective leadership *care for, help, give aid*”



# Shepherding Includes:

***James 5:3-16***

***Matt. 18:15-20***

***Acts 20:29-32, 35***

# According To God's Perspective

## 1 Tim 3 Titus 1

## Meaning

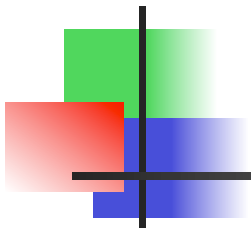
- v. 2 - "one who cannot be validly accused"
- v. 2 v. 6 "completely devoted to his wife"
- v. 2 - "avoids extremes and excesses"
- v. 2 V. 8 "wisely establishes priorities"
- v. 2 - "respected"
- v. 2 V. 8 "loves strangers"
- v. 2 - "skillful teacher"
- v. 3 v. 7 "not addicted to wine"
- v. 3 v. 7 "not given to physical violence"
- v. 3 - "forbearing"
- v. 3 - "not an arguer"
- v. 3 - "does not love money"
- v. 4 - "one who manages his household well"
- v. 4 - "children obey him with respect"
- v. 6 - "not a new believer"
- v. 7 - "good testimony to the outside world"

## 1 Tim 3 Titus 1

## Meaning

- v. 6 "cannot be validly called to account"
- v. 6 "children who are believers"
- v. 6 "children are not in rebellion"
- v. 7 "not self-serving"
- v. 7 "longsuffering"
- v. 7 "does not dishonestly seek gain"
- v. 8 "a lover of goodness"
- v. 8 "one who is a believer & consistently fair"
- v. 8 "one who is holy"
- v. 8 "restrained in mind & fleshly desires"
- v. 9 "faithful to the Word"
- v. 9 "able to defend the truth."

NOT: wealth, position, power, friendship, charisma or skills . . .



# **Part I**

# **Personal Qualifications**





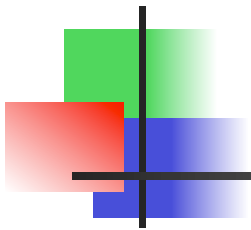
# “Husband of one wife”

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μιας γυναικος ανδρα = “one woman man”

## Major views:

- Never divorced
- Must Be Married
- Completely devoted to his wife



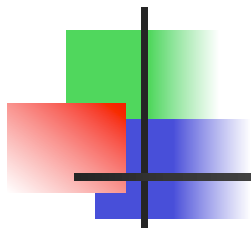
# “Hospitable”

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φιλοξενον = “stranger love”

## He loves strangers . . .

- This person shares his stuff
- He invites others into his home
- He gives his money to the needy
- He helps people



# “Free From Love of Money”

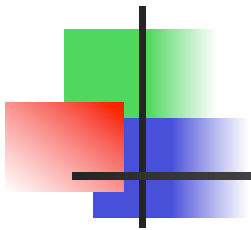
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αφιλαργυρον = “not a lover of money”

## He does not love money . . .

- He is not greedy.
- Money is not a major focus of his life.
- He **does not pursue money**



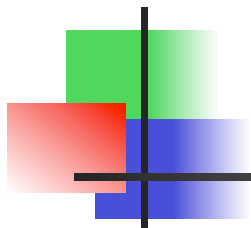


# “Not Fond of Sordid Gain”

μη αισχροκερδη = “not fond of sordid gain, shamelessly greedy for money, dishonest gain”

## He honestly earns his living . . .

- He is **honest in his work**
- He does not cheat his customers
- He does not cheat the local and federal governments.
- He does not use the church.



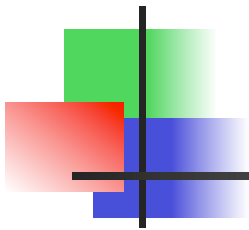
# “Not a New Convert”

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μη νεοφυτον = “not newly planted”

**He is not a new believer . . .**

- This eliminates the new Christian from leadership.
- Jesus did not start ministry until He was 30 years of age.
- “Elders” were typically someone of an older age.



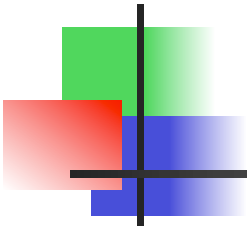
# “Devout”

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οσλος = “holy, devout, dedicated”

## He lives a holy life . . .

- The elder lovingly seeks to please the Lord.
- He is committed to the Lord.
- His pattern of life is dedicated holy living.



# **Part 2**

## **Qualifications Related To Responsibilities**



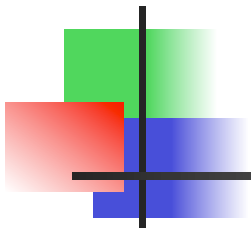
# “Able to Teach ” – part 1

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διδακτικον = “skilled at teaching”

- Occurs in **only** two N.T. passages
  - 1 Tim. 3:2
  - 2 Tim. 2:24
- Definition rests heavily on Greek lexicons





## “Able to Teach ” – part 2

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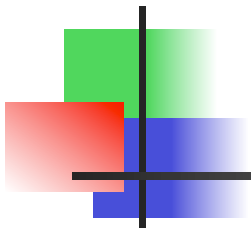
διδασκτικον = “skilled at teaching”

“skillful in teaching”

- Philo (Congr. 35; Praem. Poen. 27)
- Arndt, W. F. A Greek-English Lexicon
- Calvin, John. 1 Timothy
- **Colin Brown**, DNTT
- Danker and Bauer’s Greek-Lexicon

“apt and skillful in teaching”

- Thayer’s Greek Lexicon



# “Able to Teach” – part 3

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one qualified to teach

- A. T. Robertson, Word Pictures

not merely given to

teaching, but . . . skilled in it

- Kenneth Wuest, 1 Timothy

both the willingness and

the skill and ability to teach.

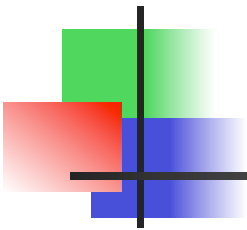
- Heibert, First Timothy

highly skilled teacher

- John MacArthur, 1 Timothy

skilled teacher

- J. N. D. Kelly, The Pastoral Epistles



# “Holds Fast To The Word”

αντεχομενον του κατα την διδαχην πιστου = “holds firmly, clings to the faithful teaching”

## He is faithful to the truth . . .

- He believes all of it is the truth.
- He holds to sound teaching (2 Tim. 2:2)
- He is mindful of James 3:1-2.
- He is diligent (2 Tim. 2:15)



# “Able to exhort . . . refute”

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παρακαλεω      = “to call or exhort  
... αντιλεγω      . . . speak against or contradict”

## He is able to defend the Word of God . . .

- He has a **solid grasp of scripture**. He is not dependent on someone else.
- He can explain scripture at the “drop of the hat.”
- He can identify error.



# “Manages His House Well”

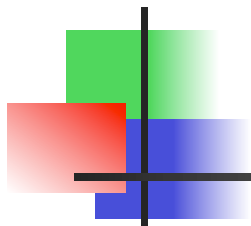
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οικου καλως προϊσταμενον = “house well managed”

Comes from

He **caringly-manages** his family. . .

- Προϊστημι has the sense of leading, control, and caring for.
- Same word used in 1 Tim. 5:17
- More than just organization - has a shepherd's heart for his family.



# “Children under control”

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ΤΕΚΝΑ . . . ΕΝ ΥΠΟΤΑΓΗ = “children in submission”

## His children obey him with respect . . .

- His children are in submission.
- His children respect him and do not despise or hate him.
- Titus 1:6 illustrates this principle . . .





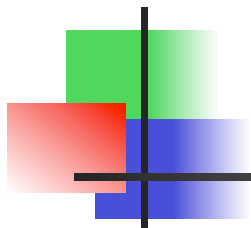
# “Children are well behaved”

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μη εν κατηγορια| ασωτιασ = not in accusation of  
αωνυποτακτα dissipation or rebellion.

## His children are not in rebellion . . .

- Children usually reflect their parents
- Rebellious children *usually* imply that there is something seriously wrong in the home.



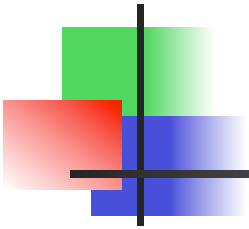
# “Children Who Believe”

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ΤΕΚΝΑ ΕΧΩΝ ΠΙΣΤΑ = “children have faith”

## His children believe . . .

- His children hold to the faith.
- This implies his children share his faith and **are born again.**



# **Part 3**

## **Qualifications Related To Working With A Team**



# “Not Pugnacious but . . .”

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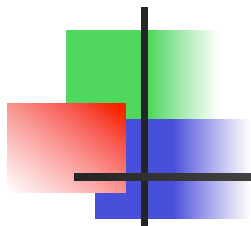
μη πληκτην = “not given to physical violence”

## He is not a physical fighter . . .

- This man does not exhibit a pattern of physical violence.
- He does not have to have his own way
- It is contrasted to the next word . . .

Heart  
Issue





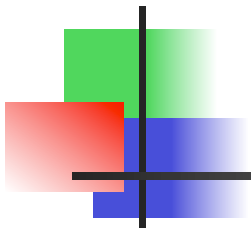
# “Gentle”

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επιεκη = “forbearing, gentle, yields his rights”

## He is forbearing with others . . .

- Has the **sense of gentleness** with a sense of grace towards others.
- He does not fight for himself.
- He **yields his rights**.
- His focus is eternal.



# “Not Self-Willed”

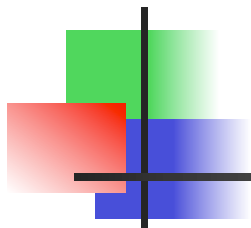
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μη αυθαδη = “one who does not please himself”

## He is not self-serving . . .

- He does not have a pattern of promoting himself.
- He encourages others at his own expense.





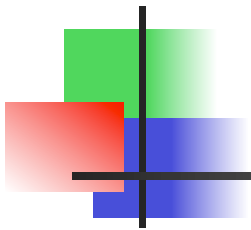
# “Uncontentious”

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αμαχον = “not argumentative, not verbal violence, peaceable”

## He is not an arguer. . .

- Among the leadership this translates to **not being the king of many mountains.**
- This does not preclude the elder from taking a firm position on issues. He seeks unity of purpose and mind.
- He is not a debater.



# “Not Quick Tempered”

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μη οργιλον = “not prone to anger”

## He is longsuffering . . .

- This elder is **slow to anger**.
- He seeks “to bring others along.”
- He is justly angry over sin.

***We Are Looking For***

***Men Who Are Already Elders***

***Elders are Elders***

***because they are Elders***