



The Church —
Saints, Elders, & Deacons

1 Timothy 3:1

Introduction

- **Why are there many different church leadership conferences?**

- **The Bible says nothing about how to do certain things in the church. It does not provide any guidelines. Name five of them.**

The Saints, Elders, and Deacons

- **What three groups of people do we find in Philippians 1:1?**
- **Who are the leaders in Philippians 1:1?**

Plurality of Church Leaders

- How many elders does God want each church to have?
- What does Acts 11:30 say about elders?
- What does Acts 14:23 say about elders in **every church**?
- What is the message about elders from Acts 15:22-23; 20:17; 1 Timothy 5:17; 1 Peter 5:1; Acts 16:4; 21:18?

Overseers, Elders, & Pastors

- **To what does the term elder refer?**
- **To what does the term overseer refer?**
- **To what does the term pastor or shepherd refer?**
- **An elder is an overseer, who is also a _____.**
What two verses reveal this fact?

Responsibilities of Elders

- **1 Timothy 5:17 helps us understand the most important responsibility of an elder? What is it?**
- **James 5:14 describes another responsibility of elders. What is it?**
- **1 Thessalonians 5:12-14 describes another responsibility of elders. What is it?**

If A Man Aspires . . .

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- **What is the meaning of the Greek word “aspires”?**
- **Describe a good reason for a man to aspire to be an elder?**
- **An elder is an elder because he is an _____.**

It Is A Fine Work . . .

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- **What is the meaning of the Greek word “fine”?**
- **What is the meaning of the Greek word “work”?**
- **It is a trustworthy _____ ?**

Conclusion

- **What is the message of this passage of Scripture?**
- **What does this mean for you?**