

A PLACE TO BELONG and Grow

Welcome to your home church!

God's Plan for Church Leadership 1 Tim. 3:1 / 1 Pet. 5:1-5

I. Elders: God's Plan for Leading the Church.

A. Four Case Studies









Spurgeon: "To compromise on leadership is the most suicidal act a church can commit."

Deets: "Failure to select biblically qualified men will result in debilitating consequences that will eventually embed themselves in the DNA of the church."

B. Inaccurate Assumptions

- > "He's been a faithful church member."
- > "He's a successful businessman and generous donor."
- > "He leads community organizations."

II. Three Terms; Same Office.

A. Elder

- > Cares for the flock (Jam. 5:14)
- > Oversees the flock (Titus 1:7)
- > Protects the flock (Titus 1:9)
- > Equips the flock (Eph. 4:11-12)

B. Overseer

(Phil. 1:1; Titus 1:5,7; 1 Tim. 3:1-2; 1 Pet. 5:2a)

Gives *leadership* and *management* to the church

C. Pastor

"Shepherd"

All elders, paid or volunteer, are pastors, shepherds, and overseers of the church.

