

The Elder and the Flock

*** 1 Timothy 3:2**

An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

Titus 1:9

... holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

Ephesians 4:11-13

11. And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,
12. for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;
13. until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

*** Titus 1:7**

For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain,

Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

Acts 20:28

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.

*** 1 Peter 5:1-4**

1. Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,
2. shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;
3. nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.
4. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

2	<p><u>1 Thessalonians 5:12-13</u></p> <p>12. But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction,</p> <p>13. and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.</p>
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3	<p><u>1 Timothy 5:17-18</u></p> <p>17. The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.</p> <p>18. For the Scripture says, "YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING," and "The laborer is worthy of his wages."</p>
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5	<p><u>Hebrews 13:7</u></p> <p>Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.</p>
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6	<p><u>1 Timothy 5:19-21</u></p> <p>19. Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses.</p> <p>20. Those who continue in sin, rebuke in the presence of all, so that the rest also will be fearful of sinning.</p> <p>21. I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of His chosen angels, to maintain these principles without bias, doing nothing in a spirit of partiality.</p>
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