



Elders and the local church

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This is the Lord's plan ...

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1 Peter 5:1-4

- Elders (presbyter)
- Shepherd (Pastor)
- Overseer (episkopeo, bishop)

WHAT they are – 1Pet 5:1-4

Elders- age / experience (Presbyter)

Shepherd – work (Pastor)

Overseer (bishop) episkopeo – exercising oversight

Hebrews 13:17

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Acts 20:17, 28

- Elders
- Shepherd – 28
- Overseer - 28
- Guard – 29-30

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1 Tim. 5:17

- Rule
- Labor
- Preaching
- Teaching

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Rule

- 'stands before'
- Rom. 12:8 – leads
- 1Thess. 5:12 – are 'over you'
- 1Tim. 3:4-5, 12 - manage

Rule - proistimi – stand before

Romans 12:8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Thessalonians 5:12 We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,

1 Timothy 3:4-5 ⁴ He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵ for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?

1 Timothy 3:12 Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well.

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Rom. 12:8; 1 Thess. 5:12; 1 Tim. 3:4-5, 12

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 - by reproof*
 - by teaching*
 - by selection of teachers to help*

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Respect (esv) – appreciate (NASB95)- 1 Thess. 5:12

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be submissive to them - Heb. 13:17

obey them - Heb. 13:17

remember & imitate them, Heb. 13:7

Support them (\$) – 1 Tim. 5:17-18

OUR responsibility

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- Esteem them Highly in love – 1Thess. 5:12

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