

The Duties of Elders

Elders must Teach

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Ephesians 4:11 (NKJV)

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and **some pastors and teachers,**

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A bishop then must be ... **able to teach**;

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holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught,
**that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to
exhort and convict those who contradict.**

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- They labor in the word and doctrine – 1 Tim. 5:17

1 Timothy 5:17 (NKJV)

Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who **labor in the word and doctrine.**

Elders must Watch

- They are overseers/supervisors – 1 Pet. 5:2

1 Peter 5:2 (NKJV)

Shepherd the flock of God which is among you,
serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly,
not for dishonest gain but eagerly;

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- They must look carefully and watch out – Hebrews 12:13-14; 13:17

Hebrews 12:14–15 (NKJV)

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: **15 looking carefully** lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

Hebrews 13:17 (NKJV)

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for **they watch out for your souls**, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

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- They must take heed and watch – Acts 20:28-31

Acts 20:28–31 (NKJV)

Therefore take heed to yourselves and to 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. **29** For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. **30** Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. **31** Therefore **watch**, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

Elders must Rule

- They are those that rule over you – Heb. 13:7, 17; 1 Thess. 5:12-13

Those over you

Hebrews 13:7 - Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

Hebrews 13:17 - Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:12–13 - And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, **13** and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

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- They are those that rule over you – Heb. 13:7, 17; 1 Thess. 5:12-13
- They must rule their households well – 1 Tim. 3:4-5

1 Timothy 3:4–5 (NKJV)

one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence **5** (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?);

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Elders must Serve

- Support the weak – Acts 20:35

Acts 20:35 (NKJV)

I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must **support the weak**. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' ”

Elders must Serve

- Support the weak – Acts 20:35
- Visit, care for and pray for members when called upon to do so – James 5:14-15

James 5:14–15 (NKJV)

Is anyone among you sick? Let him **call for the elders of the church**, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

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- They should be examples to the flock – 1 Peter 5:3

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nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but **being examples to the flock;**

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