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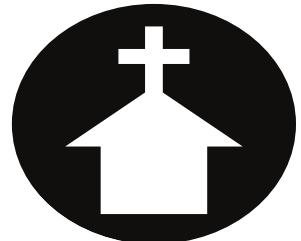
Last Week

# Elder-Led *Congregationalism*



# Our Church Polity

1. Christ-Ruled
2. Congregation-Commissioned  
(Governed)
3. Deacon-Served
4. Elder-Led



This Week

*Elder-Led*

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Congregationalism



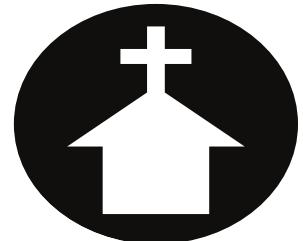
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**Three Terms,  
One Office**



## Key Point

**Elder = Overseer = Pastor**



# Greek Words

Elder = *presbuteros*

Overseer = *episkopos*

Pastor = *poimen*



# Acts 20:17-35

Pew Bible: 929



1 Tim 3:1-7, 17, 19

Pew Bible: 992



# Titus 1:5-9

Pew Bible: 998



# 1 Pet 5:1-3

Pew Bible: 1016



# 1 Pet 2:25

Pew Bible: 1015



# The Weight of the Words

Elder → Experience

Overseer → Responsibilities

Pastor → Heart



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# Plurality of Elders



# Acts 14:21-23

Pew Bible: 923



# Acts 20:17

Pew Bible: 929



# James 5:14

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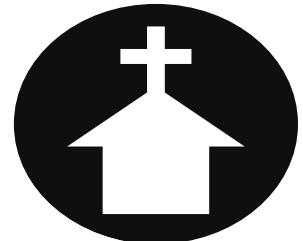
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# The Job of Elders



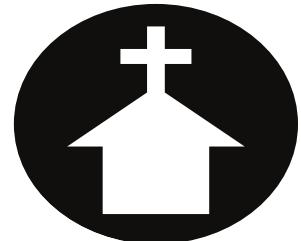
"Jesus defined leadership  
as service."

J. Oswald Sanders



“A call to leadership in the church is a call to a life of willing sacrifice and service.”

Paul David Tripp



# Elder-Led

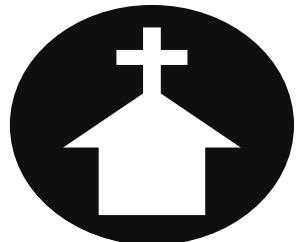
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# Elder-Ruled



Elders are *not*  
the final authority.

Elders are *entrusted*  
with leadership.



# Acts 20:17-35

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Equip the saints for the  
work of the ministry  
through the preaching  
and teaching of the Word.



# John 21:15-17

Pew Bible: 907



# Eph 4:11-16

Pew Bible: 977



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Provide a godly example  
to follow through living a  
godly life.



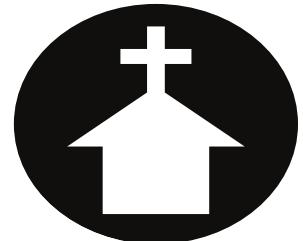
# Heb 13:7

Pew Bible: 1009



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Protect the flock by  
addressing  
dangerous/unhealthy  
people, doctrines, and  
practices.



# 1 Thes 5:12-13

Pew Bible: 988



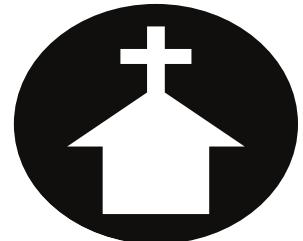
# Heb 13:17

Pew Bible: 1010



“Professionalism is not supernatural.  
The heart of ministry is.”

John Piper



Shepherding is *not* a mere  
job. It is a *calling*.

