



The Church

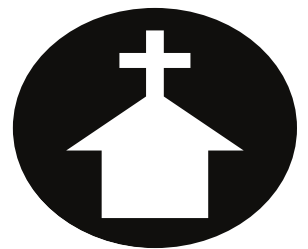
Last Week

Elder-Led *Congregationalism*



Our Church Polity

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



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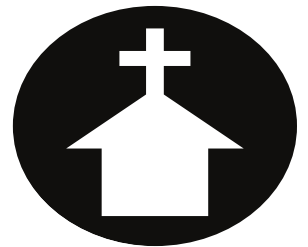
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Three Terms, One Office



Key Point

Elder = Overseer = Pastor

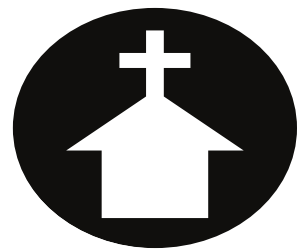


Greek Words

Elder = *presbuteros*

Overseer = *episkopos*

Pastor = *poimen*



Acts 20:17-35

Pew Bible: 929



1 Tim 3:1-7, 17, 19



Titus 1:5-9

Pew Bible: 998



1 Pet 5:1-3

Pew Bible: 1016



1 Pet 2:25

Pew Bible: 1015

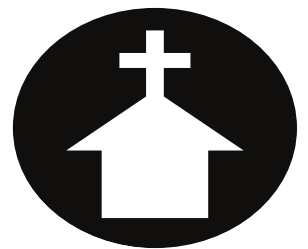


The Weight of the Words

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

Pew Bible: 1013



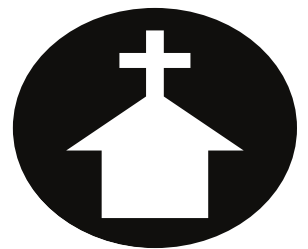
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The Job of Elders



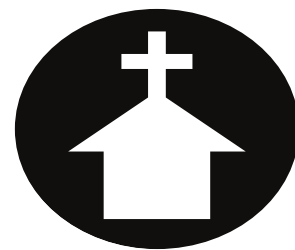
"Jesus defined leadership
as service."

J. Oswald Sanders

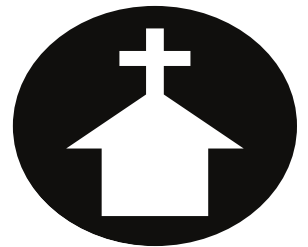


“A call to leadership in the church is a call to a life of willing sacrifice and service.”

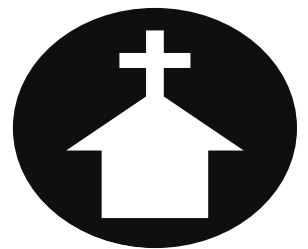
Paul David Tripp



Elder-Led vs. Elder-Ruled



Elders are ***not***
the final authority.
Elders are ***entrusted***
with leadership.



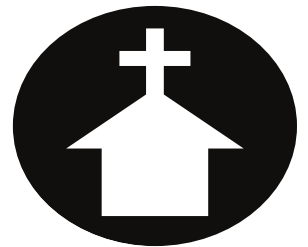
Acts 20:17-35

Pew Bible: 929



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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



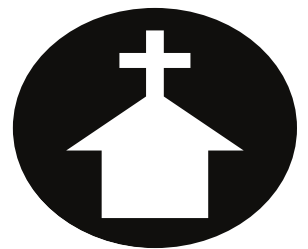
Eph 4:11-16

Pew Bible: 977



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



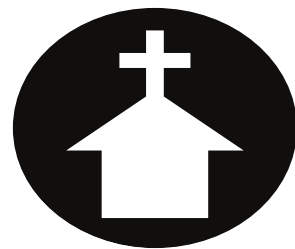
Heb 13:7

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



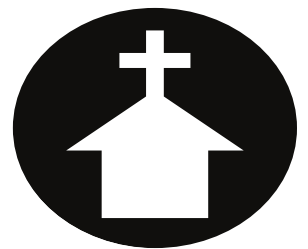
Heb 13:17

Pew Bible: 1010



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

John Piper



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

