

# Elder Ordination

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**Series:**

**Scripture:** 1 Timothy 3:1-7

1. The church has an official office of **Overseer** (elder)  
[1 Timothy 3:1](#)
2. The words **Elder**, **Overseer** (bishop), **Shepherd** (pastor), and **Steward** are all words describing the same office  
[Acts 20:17, 28](#)[Titus 1:5, 7](#) [1 Peter 5:1-2](#)
3. The specific responsibilities of an elder are:
  - a. **Ruling/Leading** [1 Timothy 5:17](#)
  - b. **Preaching/Teaching**
  - c. **Pastoring/Shepherding** [Acts 20:28](#)
  - d. **Guard** the truth [Titus 1:9](#)
4. Elders must:
  - a. **Proclaim** the Word of God [Hebrews 13:7](#)
  - b. **Walk** the way of faith:  
In **Character** [1 Timothy 3:1-7](#)  
In **Leadership** [Mark 10:42-45](#)
  - c. Keep **Watch** over the people [Hebrews 13:17](#)
  - d. Prepare to give an **Account** [James 3:1](#)
5. The church should respond by:
  - a. Imitating our **Life** and **Faith** [Hebrews 13:7](#)
  - b. **Obedying** and submitting to our **Spiritual** authority  
[Hebrews 13:17](#)
  - c. **Praying** and supporting us [Hebrews 13:18](#)