

SERMON NOTES: BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP

03 - What is Biblical Eldership

Text: Acts 20:17-35; Various

Big Idea: The Elders are the spiritual leaders of the church. They are in charge of our spiritual growth, development, protection and cast the vision.

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1. The Practical Function = Elder - πρεσβύτερος -(pres-boo'-ter-os) - Ex 3:16; Nu 11:16; Pr 31:23
2. The Pastoral function = Shepherd - ποιμήν -(poy-mane') - Ac 20:28; Ps 23; John 10:14; Jn 21:15-17; Mt 9:36; Mk 6:3; Ep 4:11-13
3. The Personal Function = Overseers - ἐπίσκοπος-(ep-is'-kop-os) - 1 Tm 3:3; Ja 3:1; 1 Pe 5:2-3;

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## WHAT MOTIVATES A PERSON TO LEADERSHIP

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Leadership Motivation			
Wrong Motives:		Right Motives:	
“Because you must”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-There is no one else qualified.</li> <li>-You are influenced by others to take it.</li> <li>-You take it out of false modesty.</li> <li>-You feel you must take it to fulfill your personal agenda.</li> </ul>	“Because you are willing”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-You spend time prayerfully consulting God.</li> <li>-You are qualified by God’s standard.</li> <li>-You humbly feel God prompting you.</li> <li>-You want to do God’s will above all else.</li> </ul>
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