

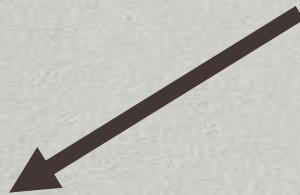
A Need and Desire For Elders

What Are Elders?

***Spiritually mature men** charged with
overseeing and **shepherding** a local church*

Elders

*Overseers / Bishops
Shepherds / Pastors*



Paul

Acts 20:17, 28

Peter

1 Peter 5:1-4

Do We Want Elders?

*God's will is to **appoint** men to serve*

God's Gift

Ephesians 4:7-11

Paul's Instruction

Titus 1:5

Paul's Example

Acts 14:21-23

Do We Want Elders?

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The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:2 NASB95

Teaching
2 Timothy 2:2

REQUIRED

Personal Growth
2 Peter 1:5-8
Galatians 5:22-23

Do We Want Elders?

*When churches fail in either responsibility,
a **tragic generational cycle** occurs*



Why Do We Want Elders?

Something is **missing** without elders...

For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you.

Titus 1:5 NKJV

...but what?

Titus 1:9-13

Why Do We Want Elders?

What shepherds do:

Exhort and rebuke

Titus 1:9

Guard from danger

Acts 20:28, 35

Pray

James

Keep watch over our souls and lead

Hebrews 13:17

5:1-3

Equip the body

Ephesians 4:11-13

Are over us

1 Thess. 5:12

Why Do We Want Elders?

*Appointing elders is **only a step** toward church maturity*

Goal: maturity in unity and knowledge of Christ

...until all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:13 NASB95

A church may be organized but not mature

Galatians 1:6-9, Acts 14:20-23

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