

Biblical Eldership

ROLE, RESPONSIBILITY & AUTHORITY

- The **blueprint** and **strategy** of the Lord Jesus for His Church is what really matters.
- What did Jesus say about His Church?
– **Matthew 16:16–18.**
- Peter was "**πέτρος**" – a stone,
 - But "**πέτρα**" – the Rock was **Peter's (inspired) confession of faith upon which the church would be built.**
 - Not built on Peter, but on the truth that Jesus Christ was the Son of the Living God.
- Eldership had a fundamental duty to care for the Church that Jesus wanted built:
 - To edify the Church through:
 1. **Faithful teaching** that guarded against error.
 2. **Godly living** in the Church, home & Society.
 3. A high standard of **accountability**.
- The Church honoured Eldership:
 - By Responding enthusiastically to their leadership.
 - By Providing substantially for those who faithfully served among you.
 - By Praying fervently for them.

Role & Responsibility of New Testament Elders

- Elders in New Testament Churches were responsible for **leadership** and **oversight** of a Church.
- Elders in New Testament Churches **directed, provided oversight, shepherded, and gave spiritual guidance** and **loved** the Church Family.
- Elders in New Testament Churches desired **Spiritual maturity** & **Unity** within the Church Family
– **Ephesians 4:11-16.**

- *The only time the title "**Pastor**" is mentioned in the Bible.*
- *The NT Churches did not have solo Pastors or solo Elders leading their Churches.*
- Study these Scriptures:
Acts 11:30; 20:17; Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 5:17; Titus 1:5)

Scriptural foundation for the Role & Responsibility of Elders

1. Elders must lead the Church
– **1 Timothy 5:17; Titus 1:7; 1 Peter 5:1-2.**
2. Elders must teach the Church God's Word
– **1 Timothy 3:2; 2 Timothy 4:2; Titus 1:9.**
3. Elders must protect the Church from false teachers
– **Acts 20:17 & 28–31.**
4. Elders must encourage and admonish the saints of the Church.
– **1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 3:13-17; Titus 1:9.**
5. Elders must exercise Pastoral care over the Church
– **James 5:14; Acts 6:1–4.**

Elders are God's local authority over His Church

Elders are God's final authority on all doctrinal matters within the local Church – **Acts 15:4-20.**

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