

# New Testament Eldership

## Terms:

- Bishop, “*an overseer*”, emphasizes the authority of the office : 1 Tim. 3:1-2, Acts 20:28, Phil. 1:1, Titus 1:7
- Elder, “*indicates the maturity, character of one who holds, or would hold, the office of a bishop*”: Titus 1:5, 1 Pet. 5:1
- Pastor, “*a shepherd*”, emphasizes the role of protector: Eph. 4:11, Acts 20:28, 1 Pet. 5:2

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## How many?

-- More than one: Acts 14:23, 20:17, Phil. 1:1, I Tim. 5:17, Titus 1:5

-- Two major issues among churches of Christ regarding qualifications:

-Believing children

-Widower elders