

# Recovering a Lost Doctrine

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## Lecture Outline

*This is why I left you in Crete so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you – if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife . . . (Titus 1:5-6)*

### Introduction to Restoring Biblical Eldership

**1. The Problem: The Loss of the New Testament Teaching on Eldership.**

**2. The Solution: Restoration to New Testament Teaching – Restoration of the Church, Restoration of the Gospel, and Restoration of the Eldership.**

*For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Rom. 15:4)*

*Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Cor. 10:11)*

# Biblical Evidence for Eldership

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## *Lecture Outline*

### **I. The New Testament Teaches and Models Both P\_\_\_\_\_ of Elders and P\_\_\_\_\_ E\_\_\_\_\_.**

**1. The O\_\_\_\_ T\_\_\_\_\_ Witnesses to Government by the Plurality of Elders.**

**2. J\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_ Established Plurality of Leadership for His Churches.**

**3. The N\_\_\_\_\_ T\_\_\_\_\_ Establishes Pastoral Leadership by the Plurality of Elders.**

A. E\_\_\_\_\_ of Eldership

B. I\_\_\_\_\_ About Elders

C. I\_\_\_\_\_ and E\_\_\_\_\_ to Elders

D. The D\_\_\_\_\_ of a Church w\_\_\_\_\_ Elders

# Eldership and the Church

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## *Lecture Outline*

### **I. The New Testament Teaches and Models Both Plurality of Elders and Pastoral Eldership (cont.).**

#### **4. The New Testament Establishes Pastoral Leadership by the Plurality of Elders (cont.).**

E. Eldership Promotes the T\_\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_ of the Church.

1) The church is a c\_\_\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_ of brothers and sisters.

2) The church is a h\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_ community.

3) The church is under Christ's h\_\_\_\_\_.

4) Eldership promotes the p\_\_\_\_\_ and s\_\_\_\_\_ of the spiritual leaders.

# Eldership as Pastoral Oversight

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### II. D\_\_\_\_\_ Biblical Eldership

#### 1. Pastoral O\_\_\_\_\_ by a P\_\_\_\_\_ of Qualified Elders

##### A. The General N\_\_\_\_ T\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_ of Eldership

*Pay careful a\_\_\_\_\_ to yourselves [elders] and to all the f\_\_\_\_\_, in which the Holy Spirit has made you o\_\_\_\_\_, to care for (literally shepherd) the church of God, which he obtained with his own b\_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 20:28)*

*So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: s\_\_\_\_\_ the flock of God that is among you, e\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_\_\_. (1 Peter 5:1-2)*

##### B. Definition of Biblical Eldership

##### C. The E\_\_\_\_\_ and D\_\_\_\_\_ within the Eldership

*Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy double honor, especially those who l\_\_\_\_\_ in p\_\_\_\_\_ and t\_\_\_\_\_. For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages." (1 Tim. 5:17-18)*

# Qualifications for Elders

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### II. Defining Biblical Eldership

#### 2. New Testament Q\_\_\_\_\_ for Elders

##### A. S\_\_\_\_\_ Desire

*Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the H\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_ has m\_\_\_\_\_ you overseers, to care for [shepherd] the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. (Acts 20:28)*

*The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a n\_\_\_\_\_ task. (1 Timothy 3:1)*

##### B. O\_\_\_\_\_ Biblical Qualifications

##### C. M\_\_\_\_\_ and S\_\_\_\_\_ Qualifications

###### 1) A G\_\_\_\_\_ R\_\_\_\_\_

###### 2) F\_\_\_\_\_ Life

a) M\_\_\_\_\_ and S\_\_\_\_\_ Life

b) C\_\_\_\_\_

*He must m\_\_\_\_\_ his own h\_\_\_\_\_ well, with all dignity keeping his children s\_\_\_\_\_, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? (1 Timothy 3:4)*

*His children are b\_\_\_\_\_ and not open to the charge of debauchery or i\_\_\_\_\_. (Titus 1:6)*

3) Personal S\_\_\_\_\_

# Qualifications for Elders (continued)

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## II. Defining Biblical Eldership

### 2. New Testament Qualifications for Elders

#### C. Moral and Spiritual Qualifications

4) R\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_ with People

G\_\_\_\_\_:

U\_\_\_\_\_:

Not Q\_\_\_\_\_:

Not Q\_\_\_\_\_:

Not A\_\_\_\_\_:

5) H\_\_\_\_\_ and Loving G\_\_\_\_\_

H\_\_\_\_\_:

A L\_\_\_\_\_ of G\_\_\_\_\_:

6) P\_\_\_\_\_ I\_\_\_\_\_

A\_\_\_\_\_ R\_\_\_\_\_:

Be an E\_\_\_\_\_ to the F\_\_\_\_\_:

Not G\_\_\_\_\_ for G\_\_\_\_\_:

U\_\_\_\_\_:

Holding F\_\_\_\_\_ to the T\_\_\_\_\_ W\_\_\_\_\_ as Taught:

H\_\_\_\_\_:

7) S\_\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_\_

*Not to be a r\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_ or he may be puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. (1 Timothy 3:6)*

# Abilities of Elders and Their Examination

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### II. Defining Biblical Eldership

#### 2. New Testament Qualifications for Elders

D. A\_\_\_\_\_

1) F\_\_\_\_\_ Management

*He must m\_\_\_\_\_ (or lead or conduct) his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive. (1 Timothy 3:4)*

2) P\_\_\_\_\_ L\_\_\_\_\_ Example

3) B\_\_\_\_\_ Knowledge

*[An elder] ... must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to g\_\_\_\_\_ i\_\_\_\_\_ in s\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_ and also to r\_\_\_\_\_ those who contradict it. (Titus 1:9-10)*

4) C\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_

E. P\_\_\_\_\_ E\_\_\_\_\_ of a Candidate's Qualification

*And let them also be t\_\_\_\_\_ [e\_\_\_\_\_] first, then let them serve. (1 Timothy 3:10)*

F. Public A\_\_\_\_\_ or R\_\_\_\_\_

G. Pillars for A\_\_\_\_\_ Elders

1) P\_\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_\_

2) Biblical Q\_\_\_\_\_

3) E\_\_\_\_\_

4) P\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_

# Work of Elders: Teaching and Protecting

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### II. Defining Biblical Eldership

#### 3. New Testament R\_\_\_\_\_ for Pastor Elders

A. T\_\_\_\_\_ (or F\_\_\_\_\_) the Church.

*My people are destroyed for a l\_\_\_\_\_ of k\_\_\_\_\_. (Hosea 4:6)*

*Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds f\_\_\_\_\_ the s\_\_\_\_\_? (Ezekiel 34:2)*

*I will give you shepherds after my own heart who will feed you with k\_\_\_\_\_ and u\_\_\_\_\_. (Jeremiah 3:15)*

*T\_\_\_\_\_ them [the new disciples] to observe all that I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:19)*

*And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses e\_\_\_\_\_ to faithful men who will be able to t\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_\_\_ also. (2 Timothy 2:2)*

B. P\_\_\_\_\_ the Church.

1) From F\_\_\_\_\_ T\_\_\_\_\_

2) From the Flock's Own I\_\_\_\_\_ F\_\_\_\_\_

3) From S\_\_\_\_\_

# Work of Elders: Leading and Healing

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### II. Defining Biblical Eldership

#### 3. New Testament Roles for Pastor Elders

C. L\_\_\_\_\_ the Church

1) P\_\_\_\_\_ l\_\_\_\_\_ frustrates people.

2) Good leadership is good c\_\_\_\_\_.

3) Set w\_\_\_\_\_ v\_\_\_\_\_.

4) Have good e\_\_\_\_\_ m\_\_\_\_\_.

5) Hold people a\_\_\_\_\_ for their ministries and train them for those ministries.

6) Do it with z\_\_\_\_\_.

D. H\_\_\_\_\_ and C\_\_\_\_\_ for Practical Needs

1) Caring for S\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_

*Is anyone among you sick? Let him c\_\_\_\_\_ for the e\_\_\_\_\_ of the church, and let them p\_\_\_\_\_ over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. (James 5:14-15)*

2) W\_\_\_\_\_, Pre-marital and Marital C\_\_\_\_\_

3) F\_\_\_\_\_

4) P\_\_\_\_\_ for People

5) Helping the W\_\_\_\_\_

## Conclusion

*S\_\_\_\_\_ the flock of God that is among you. (1 Peter 5:2)*

*Now I commend you to G\_\_\_\_\_ and to the w\_\_\_\_\_ of his g\_\_\_\_\_, which is able to b\_\_\_\_\_ you up  
and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. (Acts 20:32)*