

# Outline - Part One

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## *Restoring Pastoral Eldership (2 messages)*

### **Introduction**

- The Problem: The Loss of New Testament Teaching on Eldership
- The Solution: Return to the New Testament Teaching-Restoration, Recovery, and Reformation

### **I. The NT Teaches and Models Both Plurality of Elders and Pastoral Nature of Eldership**

#### **A. The Old Testament Witnessed to Government by the Plurality of Elders**

#### **B. Jesus Christ Established Plurality of Leadership for His Church**

#### **C. The New Testament Established Pastoral Eldership by the Plurality of Elders**

1. Examples of Eldership
2. Instruction About Elders
3. Instruction and Exhortation to Elders
4. The Deficiency of A Church without Eldership
5. Eldership Promotes the True Nature of the Church

### **II. Defining Pastoral Eldership**

#### **A. Defining Pastoral Oversight by a Plurality of Qualified Elders**

1. The General New Testament Concept of Eldership: Pastoral Oversight
2. Definition of Biblical Eldership
3. Equality and Diversity within the Eldership

#### **B. New Testament Qualifications for the Plurality of Pastor Elders**

1. Spirit-Given Desire
2. Objective Biblical Qualifications
3. Public Examination of a Candidate's Qualifications
4. Public Appointment of Recognition

#### **C. New Testament Roles for Pastoral Elders**

1. Teach (Feed) the Church
2. Protect the Church from False Teachers
3. Leading the Church
4. Healing and Caring for Practical Needs

### **Conclusion**

# Outline - Part Two

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*(This expands Part One.II.B above)*

## *The Biblical Qualifications for Pastoral Eldership*

### **I. The Necessity for Biblical Qualifications**

- To protect the church from unfit men in leadership
- To help improve the elders' moral and spiritual character
- To help improve the elders' shepherding skills

### **II. The Biblical Qualifications for Pastoral Elders**

#### **A. Desire for Eldership Motivated by the Holy Spirit**

#### **B. Moral and Spiritual Character Requirements**

1. A Good Reputation
2. Family Life: Marital and Sexual Life
3. Family Life: Children
4. Personal Self-Control
5. Relational Skills with People
6. Hospitable and Loving
7. Personal Integrity
8. Spiritual Maturity

#### **C. Abilities**

1. Family Management
2. Personal Life Example
3. Biblical Knowledge
4. Communication Skills

#### **D. Examination of Potential Elders**

# Outline - Part Three

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*(This expands Part One.II.3 above)*

## *The Work of Pastoral Eldership*

### **Introduction**

#### **I. The New Testament Concept of Eldership: Pastoral Oversight**

#### **II. The Four Specific Tasks of Shepherd-Elders**

##### **A. Feed (Teach) the Flock**

1. All Elders Must Be Able to Teach the Word
2. Some Elders Labor at Teaching and Evangelizing
3. There is Equality and Diversity Within the Eldership

##### **B. Protect the Flock**

1. Protect the Flock from False Teachers
2. Protect the Flock from Church Infighting

##### **C. Lead the Flock**

1. Provide Good Management for the Flock
2. Solve Problems Within the Flock
3. Define the Beliefs and the Direction of the Flock
4. Lead as Humble Servant Leaders
5. Provide Future Leadership for the Flock

##### **D. Heal the Flock**

# Outline - Part Four

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## *Effective Pastoral Eldership (three messages)*

### **I. An Elder's Personal Life and Growth in Christ**

### **II. An Elder's Motivation**

- A. The Motivating Power of Christ's Love and Sacrifice
- B. The Motivating Power of the Value of God's Flock

### **III. Principles for Effective Pastoral Leadership**

- A. Skill with People
- B. Skill in Managing/Organizing the Flock
- C. Skill in Communication