

Shepherd the Flock Among You

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I. VIa: "The elders who are among you I exhort" – WHAT is an Elder?

A. There are six words that mean the same thing (synonyms) to describe and Elder:

Greek:	English:
presbuteros	<input type="text"/> , <input type="text"/>
poimen	<input type="text"/> , <input type="text"/>
episkopeo	<input type="text"/> , <input type="text"/>

B. An "Elder" in the church is a Christian who the church by and her as an in a position of .

II. VIb: "I who am a fellow elder" – WHO can be an Elder?

A. The for being an elder are found in verses such as, [1 Tim 3:1-7](#); [Titus 1:5-9](#); [1 Peter 5:1-4](#); [Acts 20:28](#); [Heb 13:7,17](#)

B. According to the Biblical pattern, an elder is to be a !

C. An elders is one who by meeting the that God has indicated in His Holy Word.

III. V2: "Shepherd the flock of God which is among you" – HOW does one shepherd?

A. An elder "shepherds the flock" by in spiritual things (which means or providing) and also by , (which means making sure all is done according to and false teachers don't invade the church).

B. A "

C. An elder only has among the flock (congregation) in which he is working and over another flock.

D. How does a one shepherd a flock? Through a of shepherds within a .

IV. V3: "Being examples to the flock" – WHY do we need Elders?

The reason we need to have elders in the church is:

1. !
2. People need .
3. .
4. To serve as an .