

"A Biblical Perspective on Pastors/ Elders" (Ephesians 4; 1 Thessalonians 5; 1 Peter 5)

I. The QUALIFICATIONS of Spiritual LEADERSHIP

* Who is the Head of the church?

I. The POSITION of the Pastor/Elder

A. The Different terms for Spiritual Leadership

1. The Pastor is referred to in Scripture as a _____ ,
_____ , emphasizing his _____ as a
shepherd (Eph 4:11)

* What does this say about the primary function of the pastor?

2. The Pastor is also called an _____ , emphasizing his
spiritual _____ as a shepherd

* How is this term used in the Old Testament?

* Does this mean you need to be an elderly man to qualify as an elder?

3. The Pastor is also called an _____ , emphasizing his
_____ as a shepherd

* What terms are not used in Scripture of the Pastor?

* How is the pastor-teacher related to the bishop and elder?

* How many Pastors/Elders/Bishops should a local church have?

II. The POSTURE of the Pastor

A. The Posture as Viewed by the Congregation (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13):

1. The Pastor is to function _____
2. The Pastor is to be _____

B. The Posture as Viewed by the Pastor (1 Peter 5:1-5):

1. The faithful elder is to view himself as a shepherd, _____
God's flock and taking the _____ thereof
2. He is to do this...
 - a) Not by _____ but _____
 - b) Not for _____ but _____
 - c) Not by _____ his authority, but by setting an

* If Pastors are faithful to shepherd God's flock, what do they receive?

* What does this mean to you?