

Inside the Text:

I. Understand the Terminology used for a Church Leader.

A. Pastor/Shepherd –

B. Bishop/Overseer –

C. Elder/Mature Leader –

II. Embrace the Responsibility of a Church Leader.

A. A pastor must provide tender guardianship. (Shepherd)

B. A pastor must provide careful stewardship. (Overseer)

C. A pastor must provide mature leadership. (Elder)

III. Welcome Accountability for a Church Leader.

A. Everyone needs accountability.

B. Elders are no exception.

IV. Ordain Quality Men for Church Leadership. (I Timothy 3:1-7)

A. You must confirm his calling. (1)

B. You must examine his character. (2-3)

C. You must evaluate his effectiveness. (4-7)

Apply the Text:

- **Understanding terminology:** If you are privileged to hold one of the two offices, make sure you understand and fulfill your role.
- **Embracing responsibility:** As a member, as an elder, as a deacon
- **Welcoming accountability:** Find an accountability partner... regardless of your role.
- **Ordaining quality:** Look for men with giftedness, character, and calling to serve as an elder.