



## “God’s Design for Church Leadership”

An Exposition of 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy  
1 Timothy 3:1-7 – Message 9

**Central Truth:** God’s design for church leadership consists of a qualified plurality of men called Elders who serve under the authority of Jesus Christ.

### I. Three Interchangeable Greek Terms.

- A. Elder (presbyteros)
- B. Pastor/Shepherd (poimēn)
- C. Overseer/Bishop (episkopos)

### II. Four Major Passages on Elder Qualifications.

- A. 1 Timothy 3:1-7
- B. Titus 1:5-9
- C. Acts 20:28
- D. 1 Peter 5:1-4

### III. Six Qualification Categories (31 Qualifications).

- A. Desire
- B. Integrity
- C. The Word
- D. Family
- E. Personal
- F. Relational

## **Scriptures of the Week**

“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.”

**Hebrews 13:17**