

# Preachers and Elders

*Acts 20:17-28*

## **Preachers**

Proclaim the Word of God

2 Timothy 4:2

Teach from the pulpit and house to house

Acts 20:20 1 Timothy 4:11

Stand up for the Word of God

1 Timothy 4:6, 1 Timothy 5:19-21

## **Contrast:**

*An elder is to take heed to himself and to the flock, Acts 20:28*

*A preacher is to take heed to self and to his teaching, 1 Timothy 4:16*

## **Elders**

They have authority over the congregation

1 Peter 5:1-3, Hebrews 13:7, 17

## **Leading the Flock (elders) PRESBUTEROS**

They are examples to the flock

In family, in self examination, Titus 1

Not lords over the flock

Cannot drive sheep, Titus 1:7

## **Feeding the Flock (shepherds/pastors) (POIMEN)**

Apt to teach, 1 Timothy 3:2

Feed the Word of God, Acts 20:28

Guard against the wolves

Titus 1:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:14

## **Guard the flock (overseer/manager/bishop) EPISKOPOS**

They must give an account

Hebrews 13:17, Acts 20:31

Make good decisions

Not lawgivers but lead in expediency matters

James 4:12, Revelation 22:18-19, 2 John 9