



# The Good Work of Elders

1 Timothy 3:1



# DEFINING THE WORK

## *Elder*

- “Presbytery” always refers to multiple elders (1 Tim. 4:14).

Luke 22:66 When it was day, the **Council** of **elders** of the people assembled, both chief priests and scribes, and they led Him away to their council chamber, saying,

Acts 22:5 as also the high priest and all the **Council** of the **elders** can testify. From them I also received letters to the brethren, and started off for Damascus in order to bring even those who were there to Jerusalem as prisoners to be punished.



# DEFINING THE WORK

## *Elder*

- “Presbytery” always refers to multiple elders (1 Tim. 4:14).
- Describing mature and experienced men (Acts 20:17, 28; Ti. 1:5).

**Acts 2:17** ‘AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,’ God says, ‘THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR **OLD MEN** SHALL DREAM DREAMS;



# DEFINING THE WORK

## *Pastor*

- **This is a "shepherd"** (Acts 20:28; cf. Lk. 2:8, 15, 18, 20; Jn. 10:11; 1 Pet. 5:4).
- **Feeding the flock - teach** (1 Cor. 9:7; 1 Tim. 3:2).
- **Protecting the flock - defend** (Acts 20:28-31; Ti. 1:9-11).
- **Leading the flock - by example** (1 Pet. 5:3).
  - ✓ *In teaching (1 Tim. 3:2) | In household (1 Tim. 3:2, 7) | In edification (Eph. 4:29) | In Kingdom work (1 Cor. 15:58) | In peacemaking (Mt. 5:9)*



# DEFINING THE WORK

## *Overseer*

- **Designation of what is involved in the work** (Phil. 1:1; 1 Pet. 2:25).
- **God's "steward" of His "household"** (Ti. 1:7; 1 Tim. 3:15).
  - *It requires an active mindset*
  - *Dealing with current issues - good and bad*
  - *It requires a proactive mindset*
  - *Looking ahead for future needs, helps, and even dangers*

