

*The Roles
of
Elders
&
Deacons*



Church Organization

- “To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons”
(Phil. 1:1)
- Acts 14:20-23
- Acts 20:17, 28
- 1 Peter 5:1-5

Church Organization

1. Each local church should have multiple elders.
2. Elders are charged with overseeing only the local church they are a part of.
3. Deacons serve at the elders' direction.

The Role of Elders

- 3 terms used interchangeably:
 - “Elder” or “Presbyter”
 - “Overseer” or “Bishop”
 - “Shepherd” or “Pastor”
- Acts 20:17, 28-31
- Ephesians 4:11-12
- 1 Peter 5:1-5

The Role of Deacons

- “Deacon” is usually translated as “minister” or “servant.”
- Matthew 25:41-46
- Matthew 20:25-28
- Philippians 1:1
- Acts 6:1-6

The Roles of Elders & Deacons

- Making Decisions
& Executing Decisions
- Shepherds & Sheep Dogs
- “Fathers” & “Dads”

1. *Consider the work that needs to be done.*
2. *Consider the men who may be able to serve.*
3. *Consider what you can do to help.*