

THE CHURCH: THE FLOCK

Membership Part 3—Led by Shepherds | John 10:11-14, 27-30
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Bride—an intimate relationship with Christ (Ephesians 5:22-33)

Pillar—built on truth (1 Timothy 3:15)

Flock—led by shepherds (Acts 20:28)

Body—functioning in unity together (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

Family—sharing the same priorities (Ephesians 2:19)

Acts 20:28 Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

- How the church is _____

Episcopal, Denominational, Congregational, Senior Pastor, Elder Led

- How _____ function

Unanimity, Plurality

- How the church is _____

Full Time Ministry, Lay Ministry

1. Jesus: _____ John 10:11-30

- His sacrifice is _____ v11

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

- His relationship is _____ v14

John 10:14 I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me.

- His gift is _____ v28a

John 10:28a I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish.

- His hold is _____ v28b-30

John 10:28b-30 and no one will snatch them out of My hand.²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.³⁰ I and the Father are one.

- His entrusting is _____ John 21:15-17

John 21:15-17

1 Peter 5:1-2a Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,² shepherd the flock of God among you.

2. Elders: _____

Who elders are:

- Elders are _____

Acts 20:28 Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Titus 1:5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city.

Acts 14:23 When they had appointed elders for them in every church...

- Elders are _____

1 Timothy 3:1 If any man aspires to the office of overseer....[he] must be above reproach.

Titus 1:7 For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward.

- Elders are _____

Hebrews 13:17 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.

James 3:1 Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.

What elders do:

- Elders _____

Shepherd 1 Peter 5:2 shepherd the flock of God among you.

Oversee 1 Peter 5:2 ...exercising oversight.

Lead Hebrews 13:7 Remember those who led you.

Protect Acts 20:28a, 31a Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock...³¹ be on the alert.

Teach 1 Timothy 3:2 An overseer, then, must be...able to teach. **Titus** 1:9 holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able to exhort in sound doctrine.

Correct Titus 1:9 ...refute those who contradict.

Equip Ephesians 4:11-12 And He gave some...as pastors and teachers,¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.

Model 1 Peter 5:3 proving to be examples to the flock.

Watch Hebrews 13:17 They keep watch over your souls.

Pray James 5:16 ...call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him.

3. Deacons: _____ 1 Timothy 3:8-13

Who deacons are:

- Deacons are _____

1 Timothy 3:10b let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.

- Deacons are _____

1 Timothy 3:10a These men must also first be tested.

- Deacons are _____

1 Timothy 3:13 For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

What deacons do:

- Deacons _____

1 Timothy 3:10 These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.

- Deacons _____ the elders

Acts 6:2-4 So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables.³ Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

4. Me: _____ (write your name here)

- Submit _____

Hebrews 13:7 Obey your leaders and submit to them...Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

- Esteem _____

1 Thessalonians 5:12 But we request of you...that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction,¹³ and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work.

Galatians 6:6 The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him.

- Give _____

1 Corinthians 16:2 On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper.

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

- Restore _____

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness.

1 Peter 4:8 Love covers a multitude of sins.

Matthew 18:15-17 If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.¹⁶ But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed.¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

1 Corinthians 5:5 (immoral man); **2 Thes** 3:6,14 (defiant idleness); **Titus** 3:10-11 (factious man); **Romans** 16:17 (divisive man)

