

# Bible Leaders & Leadership

## HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

## SERMON NOTES

Acts 20:17-18, 25-28

### 1. “Names” Define the Work – Part 1

#### A. Understanding the Nature of Bible “Names”

1. Names of Deity . . .

a. Who is “God”? :

b. In Genesis we read several other “titles” for God . . .

Genesis 15:2

Genesis 16:13

Genesis 17:1

Genesis 22:14

c. In Exodus God gives His most familiar title, \_\_\_\_\_

d. The New Testament continues this trend of names as titles . . .

1) “*Jesus*”

Matthew 1:21

Acts 4:12

2. Names/Titles of the Leaders of the Church in the Bible

a. There are three Greek terms for these leaders. Each of these words is translated into two English words.

1) Πρεσβυτερος/Presbuteros: *Presbyter* and *Elder*

2) Ποιμην/Poimain: *Pastor* and *Shepherd*

3) Επισκοπος/Episkopos: *Overseer* and *Bishop*

b. Yet each of these titles all refer to the same church office, just different functions within the office...

Acts 20:17, 28

3. Titles that are never used for the leaders of the church in the Bible include . . .

a. “Reverend” –

Psalm 111:9

Matthew 23:9

**B. Understanding the Function of New Testament Leaders (Today we will look at the 1<sup>st</sup> of their 3 titles)**

1. Elder: Title refers to a man's spiritual maturity.

a. #1 – Because of their spiritual maturity these men help to resolve \_\_\_\_\_ problems & issues.

Acts 15:1-2, 13-22

b. #2 – Elders, because of their spiritual maturity help to resolve \_\_\_\_\_ problems & issues!

James 5:14-16

c. #3 - Elders, because of their spiritual maturity and wisdom are to be an example of a Christ-centered life!

Hebrews 13:7

1 Timothy 3:7

Titus 1:9

1 Timothy 3:2-4

**CONCLUSIONS:**

**Members:**

2 Corinthians 13:5

**Guests:**

John 1:12-13

John 3:3, 5

1 Peter 1:23; 3:21