

A Church Blessed With Elders

HELPUFL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

I. The Importance of Elders

A. Elders Are Part of _____ for the Church

Acts 14:23

Titus 1:5

B. Elders Provide _____ Leadership

Hebrews 13:7

Ephesians 4:11-14

C. Elders Provide _____ During Times of Change

Ephesians 4:11-12

D. Elders Demonstrate That _____ Is Possible

1 Timothy 3

Titus 1

II. What Elders Owe the Church .

A. Elders Owe the Church a _____

1 Peter 5:2-3

B. Elders Owe the Church _____

Acts 20:28

C. Elders Owe the Church _____

Titus 1:9

D. Elders Owe the Church _____

Acts 20:29

E. Elders Owe the Church _____

James 1:5

III. What the Church Owes Its Elders

A. The Church Owes Its Elders _____

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

B. The Church Owes Its Elders _____

Hebrews 13:17

C. The Church Owes Its Elders _____

1 Timothy 3:11

D. The Church Owes Its Elders _____

Proverbs 16:24

E. The Church Owes Its Elders _____

James 5:14-15

F. The Church Owes Its Elders _____

Ephesians 4:11-12

Conclusion:

John 10:27

Mark 16:16

Today is a day of gratitude, confidence, and hope. We are thankful for the men who have already served faithfully as elders. We are thankful for the two men who are beginning this work. We are thankful for their wives and families, who will also make sacrifices and offer support. Most of all, we are thankful to Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd of the church.

(1 Pt. 54), *“When the Chief Shepherd appears, you [elders] will receive the unfading crown of glory”*

Every earthly shepherd serves under Jesus.

Our elders do not own the church. Jesus does. **Matt. 16:18**, *“I will build MY church.”*

Our elders did not purchase the church. Jesus did. **Acts 20:28**, *“...the church which He purchased....”*

Our elders are not the head of the church. Jesus is. **Col. 1:18**, *“He is the head of the body, the church.”*

But Jesus has graciously given qualified shepherds to guide, feed, protect, and care for His people.

May our new elders begin their service with joy. May our present elders be strengthened. May our congregation be united. May our community be reached. And may God be glorified through everything we do.

Invitation

Before anyone can be part of the flock, he must first come to the Shepherd. Jesus said, **(Jn. 10:27)**, *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”* Are you listening to the voice of Jesus?

Do you believe that He is the Son of God?

Are you willing to repent of your sins, confess His name, and be baptized into Christ?

Perhaps you are already a Christian but have wandered from the flock. Jesus is calling you home.

Whatever your spiritual need may be, come to Christ as together we stand and sing.