

Bible Study 4 - Leadership in the local church

1 Timothy 3:1-13

Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13, overseers (or elders) (v.1-7); deacons (v.8-13).

1. What are the names of the two main offices in the local church?

Philippians 1:1

PART 1 Elders in the local church

2. What names are used for the leaders in the local church? Acts 20:17, 28

3. How many elders should lead a church? Acts 20:17-18

4. What are the advantages of plural leadership in the church?

5. Who chooses the elders in a church? Acts 20:28

6. Name four of the elders in the Jerusalem church? Acts 15:6, 13, 22; 1 Peter 5:1

7. What do elders do? v.5

8. Why is this a “good work” or a noble task? v.1

9. How should elders lead? 1 Peter 5:3

10. The qualifications of elders are given in three passages (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-3).

11. Why are these important?

12. What do you think would be the hardest qualification to satisfy?

13. What should be our attitude towards the elders of our church?
1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:7,17

PART 2 Deacons in the local church

14. What did the deacons do at Jerusalem? Acts 6:1-6

15. If the word “deacon” means “servant”, what do deacons do?

16. Who were the deacons at Jerusalem? Acts 6:5

