

CHURCHES IN THE SHAPE OF SCRIPTURE



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Two Offices in the Local Church (Philippians 1:1)

- Elders: Three terms
 - Presbyter (elder)
 - Episkopos (overseer)
 - Poimen (shepherd)

Two Offices in the Local Church – Elders

- The terms are interchangeable (Acts 20:17, 28; Titus 1:5, 7; 1 Peter 5:1-2)
- The qualification for elders – 1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9
- The work of an elder - Titus 2:2; Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2)

Elders

- Plurality of men who met certain qualifications who exercise the spiritual care and authority in the local congregation
- 1 Timothy 5:17
- Hebrews 13:17

Two Offices in the Local Church - Deacons

- General sense: diakonos/servant “someone who ministers for the needs of others” (Rom. 16:1; Col. 1:7; 4:7; 1 Tim. 4:6)
- Specific usage: group of men who meet certain qualifications and serve the church in specific areas of work (Acts 6:1-6; 1 Tim. 3:8-13)
- Deacons are close assistants to the elders (Philippians 1:1)

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