

Grace Church of Orland Membership Class
Part 2, The Leadership of the Church

- I. Three Views of Church Government
 - a. Episcopalian

 - b. Presbyterian

 - c. Congregational

- II. Elders
 - a. Biblical Support
 - i. Examples in Acts 14:23 and James 5:14.

 - ii. Command in Titus 1:5.

 - b. Biblical Terminology
 - i. “Elder” (Acts 20:17)

 - ii. “Overseer” (Acts 20:28)

 - iii. “Pastor/Shepherd” (Eph 4:11)

 - iv. 1 Peter 5:1–2 uses all three terms to describe the same office.

c. Responsibilities

- i. To pray for the church (Acts 6:4).
- ii. To teach the Bible (Acts 6:4; 1 Tim 4:13–16).
- iii. To be a godly example (Heb 13:7; 1 Tim 4:12).
- iv. To govern the affairs of the church (1 Tim 5:17).

d. Qualifications (1 Tim 3:1–7; Titus 1:5–9)

- i. Male (1 Tim 2:12).
- ii. Not a new convert (1 Tim 3:6).
- iii. Desire for the work (1 Tim 3:1).
- iv. Above reproach (1 Tim 3:2–7; Titus 1:6–9).
- v. Ability to teach truth and refute error (1 Tim 3:2; Titus 1:9).

