Government of the church - A Study Guide

Titles for those governing the church:

- 1. Elder (presbuteros) older person, especially in the faith. Not a novice.
- 2. Bishop (episkopos) one who oversees the church.
- 3. Overseer (episkopos) one who oversees.
- 4. Shepherd (poimen) one who feeds and tends to the flock.
- 5. Pastor (poimen) A shepherd who tends the flock.

Acts 20:17, 20 "And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders (presbuteros) of the church...Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers (episkopos) to feed (poimaino) the church of God..."

The Elders of the church:

1. Acts 14:23 - What was ordained in every church?
2. Titus 1:5 - What was ordained in every city?
3. Acts 20:16-17 - Who did Paul send for?
4. Acts 20:28 - Over how many flocks were these elders overseers?
5. I Peter 5:1-2 - Elders were to feed what?
6. I Timothy 5:17 - Who were to rule within the church?
7. I Thessalonians 5:12-13 - Why were they to esteem the elders?
8. Hebrews 13:7 - Who were they to remember?
9. Why?
10.Hebrews 13:17 - What two things were they to do to elders? (1)
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11.Hebrews 13:17 - What were the elders to do?
12.Acts 20:28-31 - For what are elders to watch?
13.Titus 1:9-11 - What must an elder be able to do?
14.Titus 1:7 - A bishop is also a what?
15.Titus 1:6 - What kind of children must an elder have?
16.I Timothy 3:1 - What is the office of an elder?
17.I Timothy 3:4-5 - How does an elder prove his ability to care for the church?
18.I Timothy 3:11 - What kind of wife must an elder have?
19.What does faithful mean?
20.John 10:4 - What will a good shepherd do?
21.John 10:14 - What does a good shepherd know?
22.John 10:11-13 - What does a good shepherd do for the sheep?
23.John 10:4 - What will the sheep do for a good shepherd?
24.John 13:34-35 - A good shepherd will be an example in what?
Qualifications of an Elder: Define the following qualifications for an elder:
1. Blameless
2. Husband of one wife
3. Vigilant
4. Sober
5. Good behavior

6. Hospitable
7. Apt to teach
8. Not given to wine
9. No striker
10.Not greedy of filthy lucre
11.Patient
12.Not a brawler
13.Not covetous
14.Ruling well his own house
15.Having children in subjection
16.Not a novice
17.Good report without
18.Not self-willed
19.Not soon angry
20.Lover of good men
21.Just
22.Holy
23.Temperate
24.Holding fast the faithful word
25.Convince gainsayers
26.Not being lords over God's heritage

27.Example to the flock	
28.Gentle	
29.Easy to be entreated	
30.Peaceable	

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