

The Ordination of Elders

What Are They?

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Tit 1:5 ESV This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might **put what remained into order**, and **appoint elders in every town** as I directed

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Act 14:23 ESV And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

What Do They Do?

Act 20:28 ESV **Pay careful attention** to yourselves and to **all the flock**, in which the **Holy Spirit has made you overseers**, to **care** for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

What Do They Do?

Pro 27:23 ESV Know well the **condition of your flocks**, and
give attention to your herds,

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Jer 3:15 ESV "And I will give you shepherds **after my own heart**, who will **feed** you with knowledge and understanding.

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Psa 78:72 KJV *[God took David from the sheepfold to lead his people]* So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

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1Ti 3:1-7 ESV The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. 2 Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, **able to teach**, 3 not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.

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4 He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, 5 for if someone does not know how to **manage his own household**, how will he care for God's church? 6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

The Laying on of Hands

Mar 10:16 ESV And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

For Healing

Luk 4:40 [Jesus] he **laid his hands on** every one of them and healed them.

Luk 13:12 [Jesus] **he laid his hands on her**, and immediately she was made straight

Act 9:12 [Ananias] **lay his hands on him** [Paul] so that he might regain his sight.

Act 28:8 [Paul] **putting his hands on him** [Publius] healed him.

Mar 16:16-18 Whoever believes will **lay their hands on the sick**, and they will recover."

For Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Act 19:6 ESV [Paul] **laid his hands on them**, *the Holy Spirit came on them*, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.

Act 8:17 ESV Then they [Peter & John] **laid their hands on them** and *they received the Holy Spirit*.

For Ordaining

2Ti 1:6 ESV For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands,

1Ti 4:14 ESV Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.

Act 13:2-4 ESV While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. 4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

Act 14:14 ESV But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out,