





# Elders of the Lord's Church

*Modern Shepherd*

A photograph of a shepherd in a dark cap and vest, holding a staff, standing on a green hillside with a flock of sheep. The image is semi-transparent, serving as a background for the text.

## The Need for Men to Serve as Elders

- “Put what remained into order” (1:5)
- Elders = overseer = God’s steward
- The church’s responsibility

A shepherd wearing a dark cap and a brown jacket stands in a lush green valley, holding a long wooden staff. Several sheep are grazing in the foreground. The background shows rolling hills under a bright sky.

## The Qualities of Men to Serve as Elders

- Elders must be blameless in their marriage and family
- Elders must be blameless in their character and conduct

## 5 Negatives

Not ...

- Arrogant
- Quick-tempered
- A Drunkard
- Violent
- Greedy for Gain

## 6 Positives

- Hospitable
- A lover of good
- Self-controlled
- Upright
- Holy
- Disciplined

A shepherd wearing a hat and a vest is sitting on a grassy hillside, using a laptop. He is holding a long wooden staff. In the foreground, there are several sheep. The background shows rolling green hills under a bright sky.

## **An Elder must have a Healthy, Working Knowledge of God's Word**

- To give instruction in sound doctrine**
- To rebuke those who contradict it**

# **We Must Read the Apostle Carefully**

- **It is possible to under-read**
- **It is possible to over-read**





A shepherd in a brown vest and hat sits on a grassy hillside, holding a staff. Several sheep are grazing in the valley below. The background shows rolling green hills under a bright sky.

**Paul lists qualities that yield a**

- spiritually mature**
- relationally experienced**
- biblically knowledgeable**

**man to teach and oversee**

**God's family.**