

Lombard Gospel Chapel

# A 3 Part Series on The Church

**“Leading with Love”**

**Church Leadership**

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# Leading with Love

## -Elders

“Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the **elders** of the church to come to him.”

Act 20:17 (NIV)

## -Overseers

“For an **overseer**, is entrusted with God’s work...”

Titus 1:7 (NIV)

# Leading with Love

-Elder

*or 'presbyter' (presbyteros)*

-Overseer

*or 'bishop' (episkopos)*

# Major Points

## 1. Qualified Leaders Above Reproach

*"Therefore an overseer must be  
above reproach."*

1 Tim 3:2a (ESV)

*"...he must be a leader who cannot be accused of anything sinful because he has a sustained reputation for blamelessness. In this way, he is to be a model of godliness so he can legitimately call the congregation to follow his example (Phil. 3:17). All the other qualifications, except perhaps teaching and management skills, only amplify that idea."*

John MacArthur



1 Tim 3:1-7

Titus 1:5-9

1 Peter 5:1-3

	1 Timothy		Titus		1 Peter 5:1-1
3:2	above reproach	1:6, 7	above reproach	5:1-3	Not under compulsion, but voluntary
3:2	husband of one wife	1:6	husband of one wife		Not for sordid gain, but with eagerness
3:2	sober-minded	1:8	Disciplined		Not lording it over... but proving to be examples.
3:2	self-controlled	1:8	self-controlled		
3:2	respectable		—		
3:2	hospitable	1:8	Hospitable		
3:2	able to teach	1:9	able to give instruction		
3:3	not a drunkard	1:7	not . . . a drunkard		
3:3	not violent but gentle	1:7	not . . . violent		
3:3	not quarrelsome	1:7	not be arrogant or quick-tempered		
3:3	not a lover of money	1:7	not . . . greedy for gain		
3:4–5	manage his own household well, care for God’s church	1:7	God’s steward		
3:4	keeping his children submissive	1:6	children are believers (or “faithful”), not insubordinate		
3:6	not a recent convert		—		
3:7	well thought of by outsiders		—		
	—	1:8	a lover of good; upright, holy		

# Qualified Elders “Above Reproach”

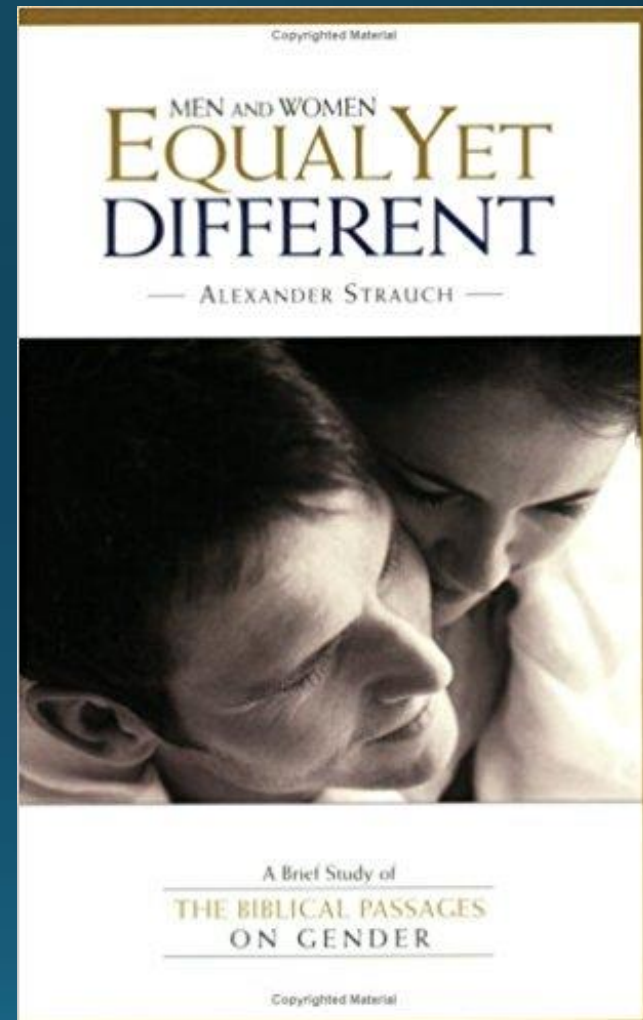
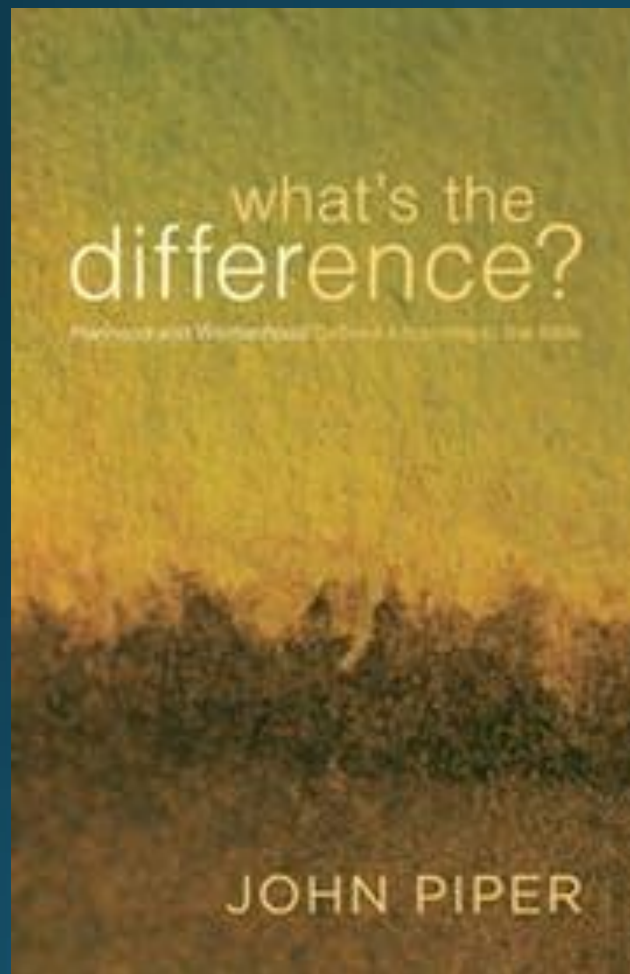
- **able to manage the family household well**  
(1 Tim 3:4,5; Titus 1:6)
- **Respectable** (1 Tim 3:2)
- **able to teach and defend the faith**  
(1 Tim 3:2; Titus 1:9)
- **male** (1 Tim 3; Titus 1:6)

*"The office of elder is limited to men.*

***1 Timothy 2:11-12 says, 'Let a woman quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.'***

*In the church, women are to be under the authority of the elders, excluded from teaching men or holding positions of authority over them."*

John Piper,  
"Manhood, Womanhood, and  
the Freedom to Minister"



# Qualified Elders “Above Reproach”

- able to manage the family household well
- respectable
- able to teach and defend the faith
- male
- have a desire

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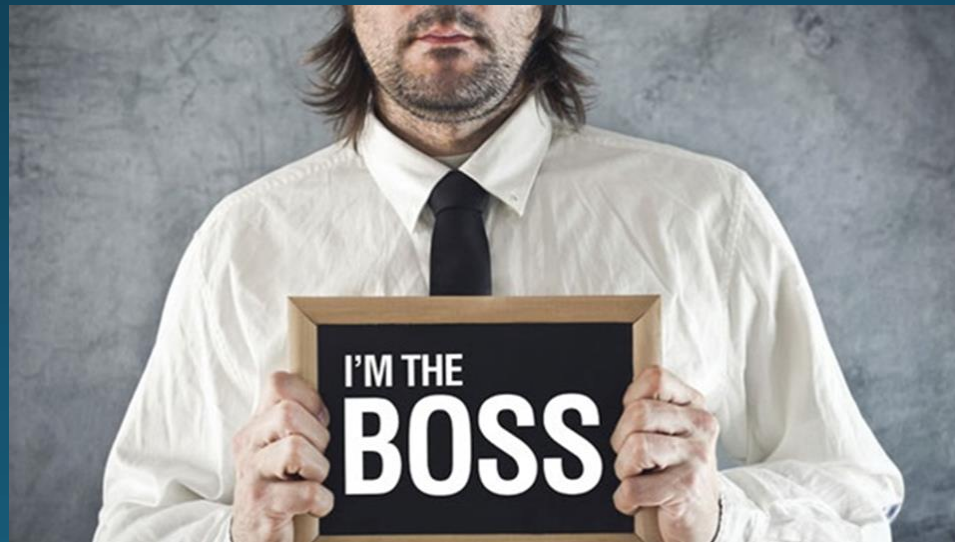
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2. **Accountable Shepherds of the Flock**



# Accountable Shepherds

1. Elders are accountable to God.
2. Elders are accountable to each other.



# A word to your leaders

*"Accept the responsibility of looking after them willingly and not because you feel you can't get out of it, doing your work not for what you can make, but because you are really concerned for their well-being.*

*You should aim not at being '**little tin gods**' but as examples of Christian living in the eyes of the flock committed to your charge."*

1 Peter 5 1-4 (J.B. Phillips)

# Shepherds of the Flock

## Shepherd the Flock

*1 Peter 5:1a,2a "Therefore, I exhort the elders among you...shepherd (pastor) the flock of God."*

*Acts. 20:28 "shepherd the flock." "Keep watch over the flock...be shepherds of the church."*

## Protect the Flock

*Acts. 20:29 "...I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard!"*

# Shepherds of the Flock

## Feed the Flock

Jesus said to Peter, "Feed my sheep."

"able to teach." Titus 1:9

## Lead the Flock

*1 Peter 5:2 "Be shepherds of God's flock...because you are willing, as God wants you to be."*

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3. **Elders Who Encourage Others to Lead**

## Act 6:1-4

*"to (not) neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables"*

# Encouraging Others to Lead

## -deacon

Greek word *diakonein*  
translated “*wait on*”

*“attendant, waiter, or one who ministers to another.”*

-To “deacon” is to serve.



# Deacons

<sup>8</sup> In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup> They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup> They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.

1 Timothy 3:8-10

# Encouraging Others to Lead

-their wives

*1 Timothy 3:10 They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.*

***11 In the same way, the women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything.***

*12 A deacon must be faithful to his wife and must manage his children and his household well.*

# Deacons at LGC

- Finance
- Facility
- Media

Keith Hadley – Chair; Dan DelBoccio; Dan Stultz;  
John Walker; Nate VanRyn; Vince Bray; Ken Gogots;  
Andrew O'Brien; Tim Carrick and Todd Bylsma

# Women's Ministry Team at LGC

- Service
- Hospitality
- Spiritual Ministry to Women
- Communications
- Missions

Janet Carrick – Chair; Service- Laura Mobed, Cindy Everhart; Communications - Donna Melcher, Vicki DelBoccio; Hospitality – Debbie Bray, Darcy Difino, Brook Shinabarger; Spiritual – Kayly Adair, Anne Brown; Mission – Nancy Clark, MaryJean Suriano

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