

The Local Church: Understanding the Biblical Model
Developing a Safe Church

Elder rule is the only clear _____ for church government.

Elders are always _____, never _____ on.
Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5

The pattern for _____ was clear to Titus and should be clear to every believer.
Titus 1:5; Acts 7:44

In reference to the _____, elders are nearly always spoken of in the _____.

There are only four _____ references to elder in the NT.
Three times it is a reference to _____ being an elder.

1 Peter 5:1; 2 John 1; 3 John 1
Once it is used of _____ person.
1 Timothy 5:19

There are at least _____ references to elders in the church.
Acts 14:23; James 5:14

Elders, not the _____, _____ the church.
1 Timothy 5:17

_____ is a foundational trait of elders.
1 Thessalonians 5:12–13; 1 Timothy 3:4–5

The appointment of elders _____ the local church.

Every New Testament example of proper church leadership was a _____ of elders, not a _____ pastor.

Philippians 1:1
_____ established a plurality of elders model in the _____ churches.
Acts 20:17–18

The _____ established a plurality of elders model among the _____ churches.
Acts 15:6; James 5:14

The only scriptural model is that of _____ men being _____ to office.
_____ appoints _____ men in the church.

1 Corinthians 12:28 ESV

_____ appointed the _____.

Mark 3:14

The _____ (Paul & Barnabas) appointed _____.

Acts 14:23

_____ appointed _____.

Titus 1:5

The appointment of godly elders _____ what is _____ in the local church.

Titus 1:5

The phrase “that you might put what remained into order” is actually _____ compound words:

To put into order: *Used by medical writers of setting _____ limbs or straightening _____ ones.*

Marvin Richardson Vincent, *Word Studies in the New Testament* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2002), Tt 1:5.

What remained: *to not _____ something which is necessary—‘to not have, to be in need of, to _____.’*

Johannes P. Louw and Eugene Albert Nida, vol. 1, *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament: Based on Semantic Domains*, electronic ed. of the 2nd edition. (New York: United Bible societies, 1996), 562.

The churches on Crete were _____ and needed to be _____ out.

Titus 1:10–11

_____ and _____ people are removed from the church.

Titus 3:10–11

Elder rule _____ the congregation from _____.

Acts 20:28–29

_____ or _____ people are not placed into leadership positions.

3 John 9–10

A plurality of godly elders ensures the _____ and _____ integrity of the church.

Acts 15:1–2

_____ is squashed by having godly elders ruling in unity.

Acts 15:6, 22