



*Elder Led –
Covenant Community
Church*



Elder Series:

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Equivalency of Elders

Greek

Older

Newer

Presbyteros

Presbyter

Elder

Episkopos

Bishop

Overseer

Poimen

Pastor

Shepherd

Hēgeomai

Ruler

Leader

Didaskolos

Teacher

Oikonomos

Steward

Demonstrating Equivalency

1. Acts 20:17, 28

¹⁷ Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders [gk presbyteros] of the church to come to him.

²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers [gk episkopos], to care for [gk poimaino] the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.



Demonstrating Equivalency

2. 1 Peter 5:1-2

So I exhort the elders [gk presbyteros] among you, as a fellow elder [gk sympresbyteros] and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed:

2 shepherd [gk poimaino] the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight [gk episkopeo], not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you;



Demonstrating Equivalency

3. 1 Timothy 3:1-2; 5:17,19

3:1-2: The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer [gk episkope], he desires a noble task. 2 Therefore an overseer [gk episkopos] must be above reproach,

5:17, 19: 17 Let the elders [gk presbyteros] who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching... 19 Do not admit a charge against an elder [gk presbyteros] except on the evidence of two or three witnesses.



Demonstrating Equivalency

4. Titus 1:5,7

⁵ This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders [gk presbyteros] in every town as I directed you—

6 if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. 7 For an overseer [gk episkopos], as God's steward [gk Oikonomos], must be above reproach.

Demonstrating Equivalency

5. Phil 1:1

*Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at
Philippi, with the overseer [gk episkopos] and
deacons:*



