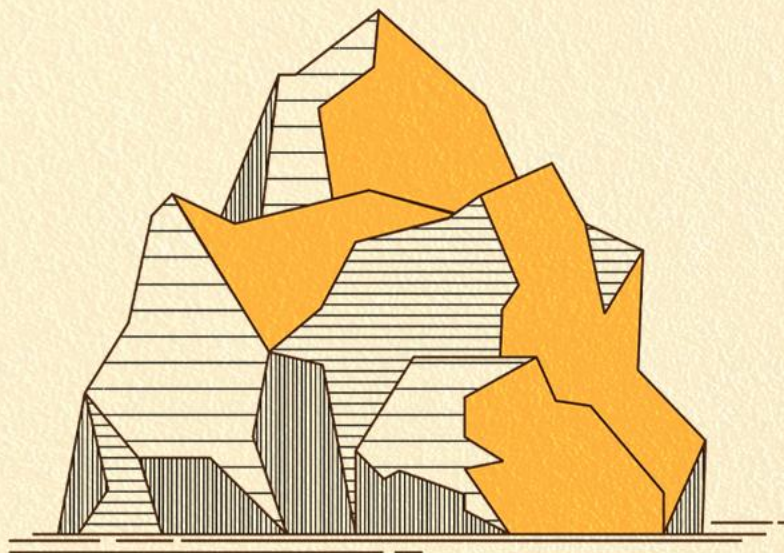
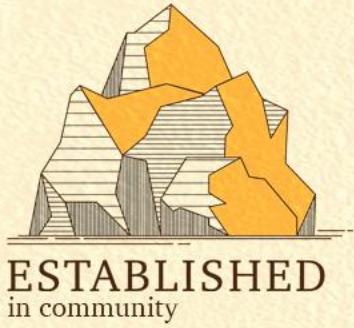




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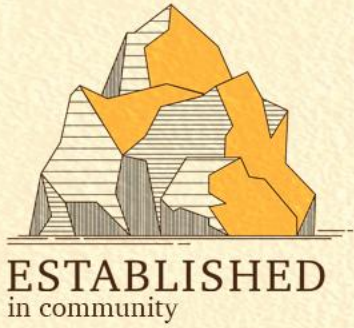
New Testament Leadership

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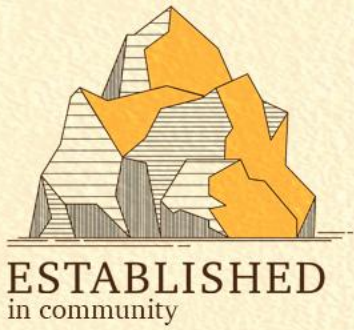
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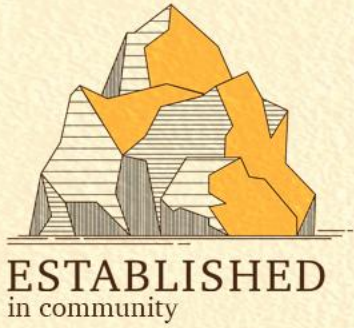
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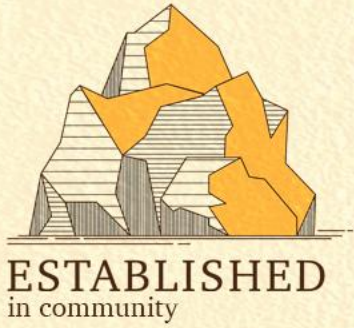
Acts 14:21-23

When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. 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.



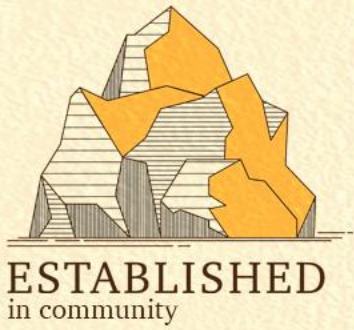
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The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task.



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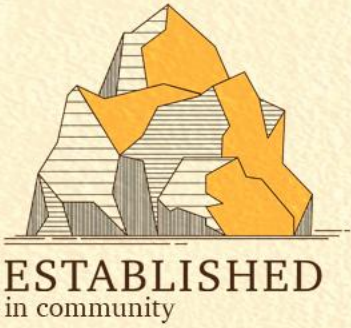
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Elder (*presbyteros*) = Overseer (*episkopos*)

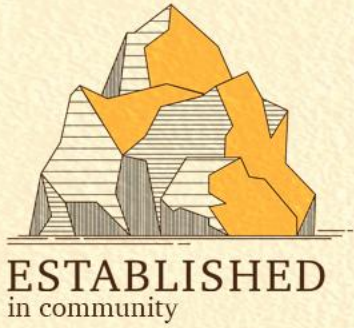


Acts 20:17-18, 28

Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them:

....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.

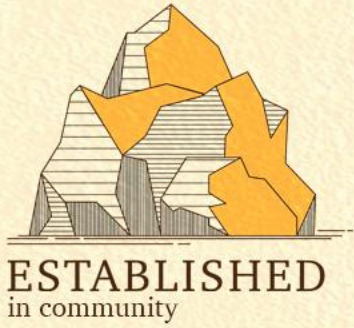
“to care for” = to shepherd (*poimaino*)



1 Peter 5:1-2

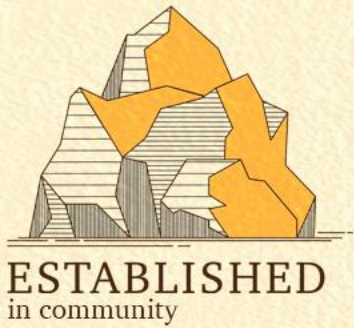
So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight...

Elder = Shepherd/Pastor = Overseer



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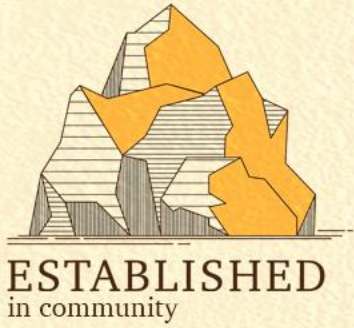


What is a deacon?

Acts 6:2-3 And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.”

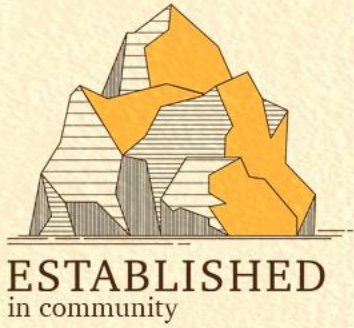
Philippians 1:3 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons...

1 Timothy 3:8 Deacons likewise must be...



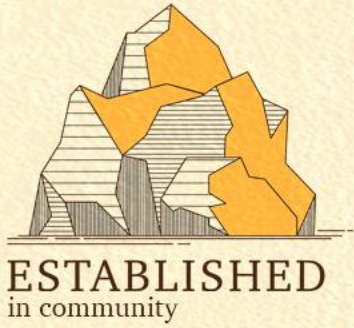
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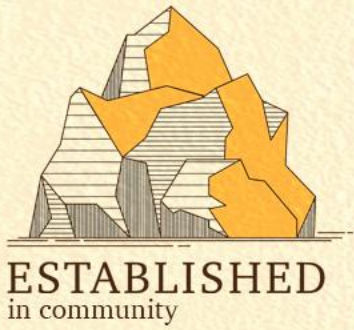
Multiplying Offices?

1. Should the overseer (bishop) office be separated from the elder office?
2. Should the elder office be separated from the pastor/shepherd office?
3. Should we use other titles like priest or saint to describe other kinds of offices or roles or special designations?



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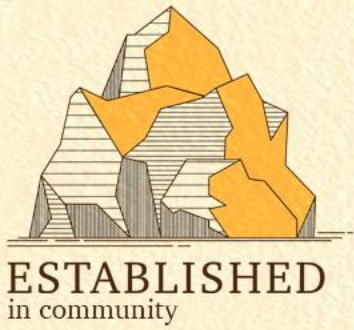
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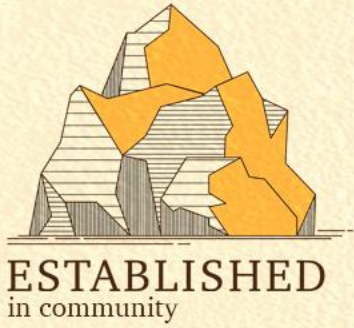
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2. Every example of local church leadership in the New Testament includes multiple elders.

James 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.



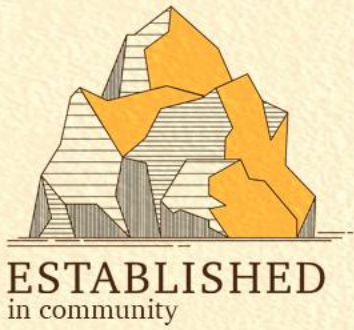
No Failsafe System

Acts 20:29-31 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.



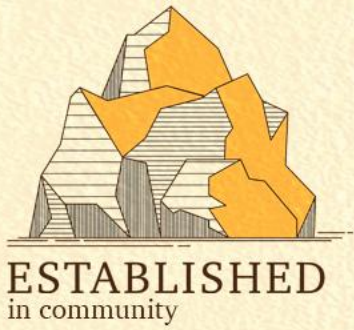
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What is not listed as necessary for New Testament leadership?

1. Charisma
2. Eloquence
3. Vision
4. Drivenness
5. Intensity
6. A pioneering spirit
7. Forcefulness
8. Exceptional intelligence
9. Decisiveness
10. Volume
11. Strategic thinking
12. Unrelenting determination
13. Boldness
14. Stage presence



Instead, what is required?

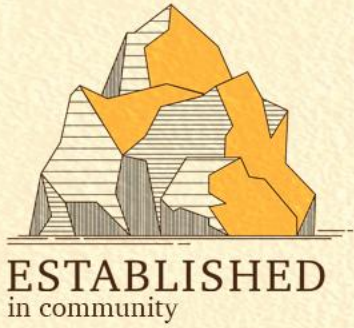
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He must NOT be...

1. Arrogant
2. Quick-tempered
3. A drunkard
4. Violent
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1 Timothy 3:6

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.



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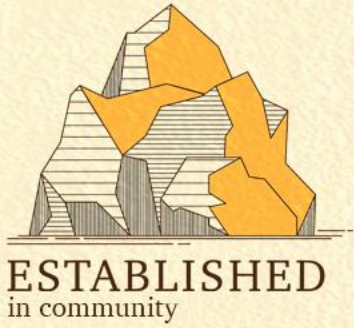
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...not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome (1 Timothy 3:3)



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...not a bully (NASB, CSB)

...not pugnacious (NASB95)



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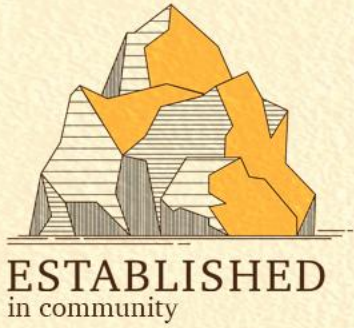
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Rather, he must be...

1. Hospitable
2. A lover of good
3. Self-controlled
4. Upright
5. Holy
6. Disciplined



Also, he must...

...hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.