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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

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SOME TO BE PASTORS (ELDERS)

2:00 Ephesians 4:11-13 God has provided that some are gifted to equip the believers, to the point that they will have significant ministries of their own; which they will use within the world of their influence: their work, their family, their social circles etc. Teaching and comments regarding the material from previous sessions on Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastor (shepherd) etc.

7:00 Terry comments on the Greek words normally associated with the idea translated in English as Pastor or Elder.

(presbuteros G4245) – “elder”

(episkopos G1985) - “overseer”

(poimen G4166) – “Shepherd”

Terry makes the point that the Greek word (poimen) is translated “Shepherd” in every passage except this one in Ephesians 4:11 – where in most translations it is “Pastor”.

These words are used interchangeably in the scripture but the church has made some distinctions.

10:30 Acts 20:17 & 28 The terms for elder and overseer are used of the same people. Teaching.

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13:35 Titus 1:5-9 The appointment of elders in every town (church). Each town only had one church, no matter the size. Paul uses the terms elders and overseers interchangeably.

18:20 1 Peter 2:25 The Shepherd – Jesus. Reference John 10:11; John 10:14 – Jesus said that he was the good shepherd (poimen). Reference Ezekiel 34:10; 15 God himself will be the Shepherd of his people.

We enter into the ministry of Jesus. Reference 2 Corinthians 5:17-6:1 Fellow workers, co-laborers.

20:45 1 Peter 5:1-5 Peter (an Apostle) sees himself as an elder among elders and not part of a hierarchy. One may be set apart for a different function, but not set higher than another.

Terry teaches on the “order” within the early New Testament church and some of the present excesses when man overdoes the control. God resists the proud.

28:00 Slight audio break, sorry. The lost words do not disrupt the teaching theme.

29:25 Acts 14:23 The apostles appoint elders in every church. The term elder is never applied in the singular – it is always plural. There is no concept of a church with one elder.

30:20 Acts 20:17 The elders of the church (plural). There is no concept of a board of elders and then a pastor. The elders are to be the spiritual co-laborers for the building up of the body – it takes all the gifts.

31:10 Titus 1:5 Elders in every town.

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31:35 James 5:13-14 Calling upon the elders for prayer.

33:05 Hebrews 13:7, 17, 24 The elders are a recognized group of people often looked to as spiritual leaders and perhaps one of them is functioning as a “pastor – shepherd” for the local church.

36:15 Philippians 1:1 Reference to both overseers and deacons.

Teaching on what has happened historically within the Christian church.

39:20 Acts 13:1-3 Antioch was a center of Christianity from which Barnabas and Paul were set apart by the Holy Spirit. Teaching on the early centers of Christianity: Jerusalem until 70 A.D. then Antioch followed by Rome, Alexandria, and Constantinople. Four centers in the East and Rome in the West. Teaching on the structure of the evolving church and the secular influence upon dividing the church into Clergy and Laity, without biblical warrant.

45:00 Terry opens the floor to questions from the congregation. Some of the questions are difficult to hear but the answer usually gives the theme.

Eph. 4:11 And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ;

Acts 20:17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church.

Acts 20:28 Take heed 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 the blood of his own Son.

Titus 1:5 This is why I left you in Crete, that you might amend what was defective, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you, 6 if any man is blameless, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of being profligate or insubordinate. 7 For a bishop, as God's steward, must be blameless; he must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, 8 but hospitable, a lover of goodness, master of himself, upright, holy, and self-controlled; 9 he must hold firm to the sure word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to confute those who contradict it.

1Pet. 2:25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:14 I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me,

Ezek. 34:10 Thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my sheep at their hand, and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

Ezek. 34:15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD.

2Cor. 5:17 Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2Cor. 6:1 Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain.

1Pet. 5:1 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 to be revealed. 2 Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, 3 not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory. 5 Likewise you that are younger be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

Acts 14:23 And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they believed.

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Titus 1:5 This is why I left you in Crete, that you might amend what was defective, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you,

James 5:13 Is any one among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. 14 Is any 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;

Heb. 13:7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God;

consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith.

Heb. 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Heb. 13:24 Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those who come from Italy send you greetings.

Phil. 1:1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Acts 13:1 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Mana-en a member of the court of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.