

# DNA Of A Healthy Church Elements Of A New Testament Church



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### Definition of an Elder:

Shepherds who oversee the direction and health of the church by way of the ministry of the Word of God in prayer.

### An Elder is someone who...

- \_\_\_\_\_ to the office
- Is \_\_\_\_\_ in his conduct
- Is a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ man
- Is \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
- Is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- Is able to \_\_\_\_\_
- Is not a \_\_\_\_\_
- Avoids unnecessary \_\_\_\_\_
- Is not a lover of \_\_\_\_\_
- Has a well-ordered \_\_\_\_\_
- Is a \_\_\_\_\_ believer
- Is of good \_\_\_\_\_

### An Elder oversees the church by...

\_\_\_\_\_ ... Maintaining sound \_\_\_\_\_ ... \_\_\_\_\_ others

### An Elder shepherds the church...

\_\_\_\_\_ ... \_\_\_\_\_ ... \_\_\_\_\_

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The following questions can be used for Small Group discussions or for personal reflection:

1. Define an Elder. Why is this such an important role for a healthy church?
2. Do you know who the Elders are at Parkview Christian Church? (Hint: There are four, and they are listed on the back of the bulletin.)
3. Most of the requirements for an Elder are focused on character. Which of these characteristics do you see most prominently in the Elders at Parkview?
4. The primary focus for an Elder is prayer and the Word. How do you see our Elders leading in these areas?
5. Elders are to fill this role by praying, maintaining sound doctrine, and serving others. In what ways are these evident at Parkview?
6. Spend some time in prayer for our Elders as they strive to lead in a God-honoring manner. If you can, pray with one or more Elders intentionally.
7. For further study, read and discuss the following Scriptures: 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Titus 1:5-9; Hebrews 13:7.