

## Lesson 7 | The Role and Authority of Elders

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### Scriptures to Consider:

Acts 15:1-35; 19:1-20; 20:17-38; Eph. 4:11-16; 1Thes. 5:12-13; 1Tim. 3:1-7; 5:17-22; Tit. 1:5-9;  
Heb. 13:17; Jam. 5:14-15; 1Pet. 5:1-5

- I. The role of elders (continued from previous lesson)
  - a. More roles discussed
  - b. Authority
  - c. Oversight limitations
- II. Relationships
  - a. With members
  - b. With the evangelist
  - c. With deacons
- III. An elder's example

### **Questions:**

1. Summarize the "role of elders" in one sentence, as if you were speaking to someone unfamiliar with the term.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What are some common misconceptions of elders and their role?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How many elders must a church have? Please cite your scripture references.

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4. Who do elders oversee? Who don't they oversee? Why is this important?
  
5. Explain the type of "authority" or "rule" elders have and/or do not have.
  
6. Explain the relationship between elders and...
  - a. Members
  
  - b. The Evangelist
  
  - c. Deacons
  
7. How can elders be an encouragement to others? How could they be a discouragement?
  
8. What should you do if an elder isn't doing his job?