

Yield Pt130

Pastors Pt1

EPHESIANS 4:11

11. *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*

JEREMIAH 3:15

13. *And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.*

A TRUE SIGN THAT'S OVERLOOKED [61-1112] [NB note: MINSITERS]

...we want to be positive sure of these things before we say them. They've got to be right, because we're standing here holding the highest office that's held in the world, a minister, a minister...

INFLUENCE [63-0112] [NB note: re PROPHETS]

...the highest order of spirituality, or the spiritual office, in the land.

THE ANOINTED ONES AT THE END TIME [65-0725M]

...there is no more higher order to reveal the Word, than prophets.

ACTS 14:23

23. *And when they had ordained them [elders] in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.*

GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 4245

Presbuteros {pres-boo'-ter-os}

among the Christians, those who presided over the assemblies (or churches)

The NT uses the term bishop, elders, and presbyters interchangeably

REVELATION CHAPTER FOUR PT2 [61-0101]

What does a elder mean? If you take the word elder, I got about... all these definitions wrote out here, I'm just skipping down. Elder means "the head of a city" or "the head of a tribe." An elder, "a head of something." Like I--I'd be a... Brother Neville right now is an elder to this church. What is he? He's the head of this local body.

I TIMOTHY 3:2

2. A [bishop] then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

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episkopos {ep-is'-kop-os}

1) an overseer, a man charged with the duty of seeing that things to be done by others are done rightly, any curator, guardian or superintendent; the superintendent, head or overseer of any Christian church

CHURCH AGE BOOK [NB note: re Nicolaitanism]

Now the truth of the matter is **the word 'elder' signifies who the person is, while the word 'bishop' signifies the office of the same man. The elder is the man. Bishop is the office of the man.** 'Elder' always has and always will refer simply to a man's chronological age in the Lord. He is an elder, not because he is elected or ordained, etc., but because he IS OLDER. He is more seasoned, trained, not a novice, reliable because of experience and long standing proof of his Christian experience.

But no, the bishops did not stick to the epistles of Paul, but rather they went to Paul's account of the time he called the elders from Ephesus to Miletus in Acts 20. In verse 17 the record states, "elders" were called and then in verse 28 they are called overseers (bishops). And these bishops, (no doubt **political minded and anxious for power**) insisted that Paul had given the meaning that 'overseers' were more than the local elder with official capacity only in his own church. **To them a bishop was now one with extended authority over many local leaders. Such a concept was neither Scriptural nor historical**, yet even a man of the stature of Polycarp leaned toward such organization.

Thus, that which started as a deed in the first age was made a literal doctrine and so it is today. Bishops still claim power to control men and deal with them as they desire, placing them where they so will in the ministry. This denies the leadership of the Holy Ghost Who said, "*Separate Me Paul and Barnabas for the work where-unto I have called them*" **This is anti-Word and anti-Christ.**

EARNESTLY CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH [53-0614A]

...**the highest order in the Bible for the church, the local church is the elder.**

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Elders is what's the head of the church, every church.

Now, God sends a message, He'd send it to His elders.

THE GODHEAD EXPLAINED [61-0425B]

Now, the Baptist church is a sovereign church; we--we all know that. They just... It's a... You can preach about anything you want to if your congregation will stand for it. They just... You want to preach whatever you wish; and I like that (See?), because **I believe it's apostolic, because the head, the highest order in the church is the shepherd; we realize that: the pastor.** And--and if the--the... If some bishop or somebody else is going to knock the revelation out of the pastor, then how is a God going to ever work in His church? You see? You just can't get it.

JUST ONE MORE TIME LORD [63-0120E]

The highest thing in the church is an elder, not a bishop, not some presbyter or something, God deals with the elder of that church. Now, **he gives his church his message, and what they have need of.**

AN ABSOLUTE [63-0127]

There is nothing higher in the Bible, in the church, than the elder of that church. It's a sovereign church, and the Holy Spirit works in any way He wants to. He dwells among His people.

But we have another absolute, some general overseer somewhere, tells us what we can do. And if it doesn't just cope with what they think, or something like that, then, "That's out. That's not of God." Oh, my! What a horrible thing it is! What a twist we got into! No wonder we're out here crying for revival. And the sky is full of Pentecostal power, and we can't get to it. That's right. Is because we've rejected God's Absolute. Right.

INDIA TRIP REPORT [57-0126B]

Now, remember the reason that I just kind of stuck with the Baptist church was the sovereignty of the local church what I think is apostolic.

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...it's the sovereignty of the local church. And--and if God is ever going to get a message to His man, His elder, which is the... **According to the Bible, they--the highest office in the local church is the elder.**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (LAW HAVING A SHADOW) [54-0516]

We believe in church government. And the government is ordered of the Holy Spirit in the Bible. **The pastor is always the head of the church, the pastor is always.** That's God's elder. In organizations, you have to come through the bishop. Now, the Bible...

there's no higher order in the Bible than the elder of the church. Just tell me where it's at. **There's no higher order in the Bible for the church than the elder, which is the pastor.** He's the highest order of the Bible.

TITUS 1:5

5. *For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and **ordain elders in every city**, as I had appointed thee:*