

Study Guide to Alexander Strauch's *Biblical Eldership*

Chapter 1: Pastoral Leadership

Q: What does the modern church think of when they consider the office of elder? How does that differ from the biblical picture of eldership?

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Q: What is involved with *protecting* the flock? What does the flock need to be protected from? How do elders protect? What happens to churches where elders do not carry out this duty?

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Q: What is involved with *feeding* the flock? What do they need to eat? How does a faithful shepherd go about feeding the sheep? What happens to churches where elders do not carry out this duty?

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Q: What is involved with *leading* the flock? What does ruling, governing, and overseeing the flock look like in real life (pg 26)? What happens to churches where elders do not carry out this duty?

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Q: What is involved with *caring* for the flock (pg. 29)? What part does love play in pastoral ministry? How important is personal time with the people? What happens to churches where elders do not carry out this duty?

A: _____

