

WISDOM FROM GOD’S WORD

Joy in Jesus Christ

Bishops

Philippians 1:1; Acts 20:17-35

Truth: The chief leaders of the local church are to be men who reflect the attitudes and actions of Jesus' ministry.

1. The chief leaders of the local church.

- Pastor (*poimen*) - Latin for ‘shepherd’.
- Elder (*presbuteros*) - a seasoned leader.
- Bishop (*episkopos*) - an overseer; supervisor.
- Shepherd (*poimen*) - one who takes care of others.
- Overseer (*episkopos*) - a Bishop.

○ 1 Peter 5:1-5

2. Fifteen tasks/responsibilities of the chief leaders of the local church (Acts 20:17-35).

- Know the people (v.18).
- Serve the Lord by serving His people (v.19).
- Have compassion and tenderness of heart (v.19).
- Be evangelistic (vv.20-21).
- Be willing to suffer for the cause of Christ (v.22-23).
- Be selfless (v.24).
- Know God's plan and timing (v.25).
- Be faithful (vv.26-27).
- Give encouragement (v.28).
- Warn the church of false preachers and teachers (v.29).
- Purify and cleanse the fellowship (v.30).
- Be alert to Satan's methods and ministers (v.31).
- Equip the saints for ministry, then let them minister (v.32).
- Serve with no thought of reward (vv.33-34).
- Be charitable (v.35).
