

Ruling Elders

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Exodus 18:13-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5

I. The Old Testament Elder (Exodus 18:13-23)

- A. Jethro and Moses
- B. The city gates (see Ruth 4:1, 9, 11; Proverbs 31:23; 2 Samuel 19:8)
- C. Judgment
- D. Prayer

II. The New Testament Elder (1 Peter 5:1-5)

- A. "Those in your charge" (see Acts 1:15; 2:46; 8:3; Romans 16:5; 1 Corinthians 16:19)
- B. Ruling elders and teaching elders (see 1 Timothy 3:2; 5:17-18; Deuteronomy 25:4; Leviticus 19:13; see also Luke 10:7; 1 Corinthians 9:7-14)
- C. The word of God and prayer (see Acts 6:3)
- D. Oversight and shepherding (see Ezekiel 34:16).

III. What to Look For in an Elder (see 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9)

- A. The mind of an elder
- B. Reconciliation specialists (see Proverbs 15:1; Romans 14:13; Ephesians 4:32)
- C. Proven faithfulness

IV. The Future of Christ Reformed Presbyterian Church

- A. A place in a neighborhood
- B. One voice, many tongues (see Romans 15:5-6).
- C. Life together
- D. Multiplication and growth
- E. Faithfulness and the sovereignty of God (see John 16:33)