

**Doctrine**  
**for Everybody**

**On Elders and  
Deacons**

# Able to Teach

[ What | Why | How | Who ]

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Teach **what?**

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1 Timothy 3:2

# The Word of God

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Why do we **know** that **elders**  
are to **teach** the **Word of God**?

Because **God** said so in **2 Timothy 4:1-3**

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**God's Word was always taught  
by responsible leaders**

Ezra 7:9–10; Nehemiah 8:1–8



# God is concerned with shepherds!

Ezekiel 34 | 1 Peter 5 | 1 Timothy | Titus

**Tim!** Stop falsity teachers!

(1 Tim 1:3)



Here's what real teaching leaders and servants look like (1 Tim 3:1-11)

About the false



About leaders

(btw: mentions deacons)

**Titus!** Appoint elders!

(Tit 1:5)



Here's the requirements for the guys you're appointing (Tit 5-9)

About leaders



About the false

(btw: no deacons mentioned)

But, why is **teaching**  
the **Word of God** important?

# TRIUNE GOD

## GOD'S WORD...

**...Commands**

Psalm 33:9

**...Creates**

Gen 1:3;  
Romans 4:17

**...Upholds**

Heb 1:3;  
Matt 4:4

**...Saves**

1 Pet 1:23-25;  
1 Tim 4:16

**...Perfects**

2 Tim 3:16-17



For this reason we also constantly thank God that when **you received the word** of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, **the word of God**, which **also performs its work** in you who believe.

1 Thes 1:9-10; 2:13

TRIUNE GOD

GOD'S WORD WORKS!

Isaiah 55:10-11

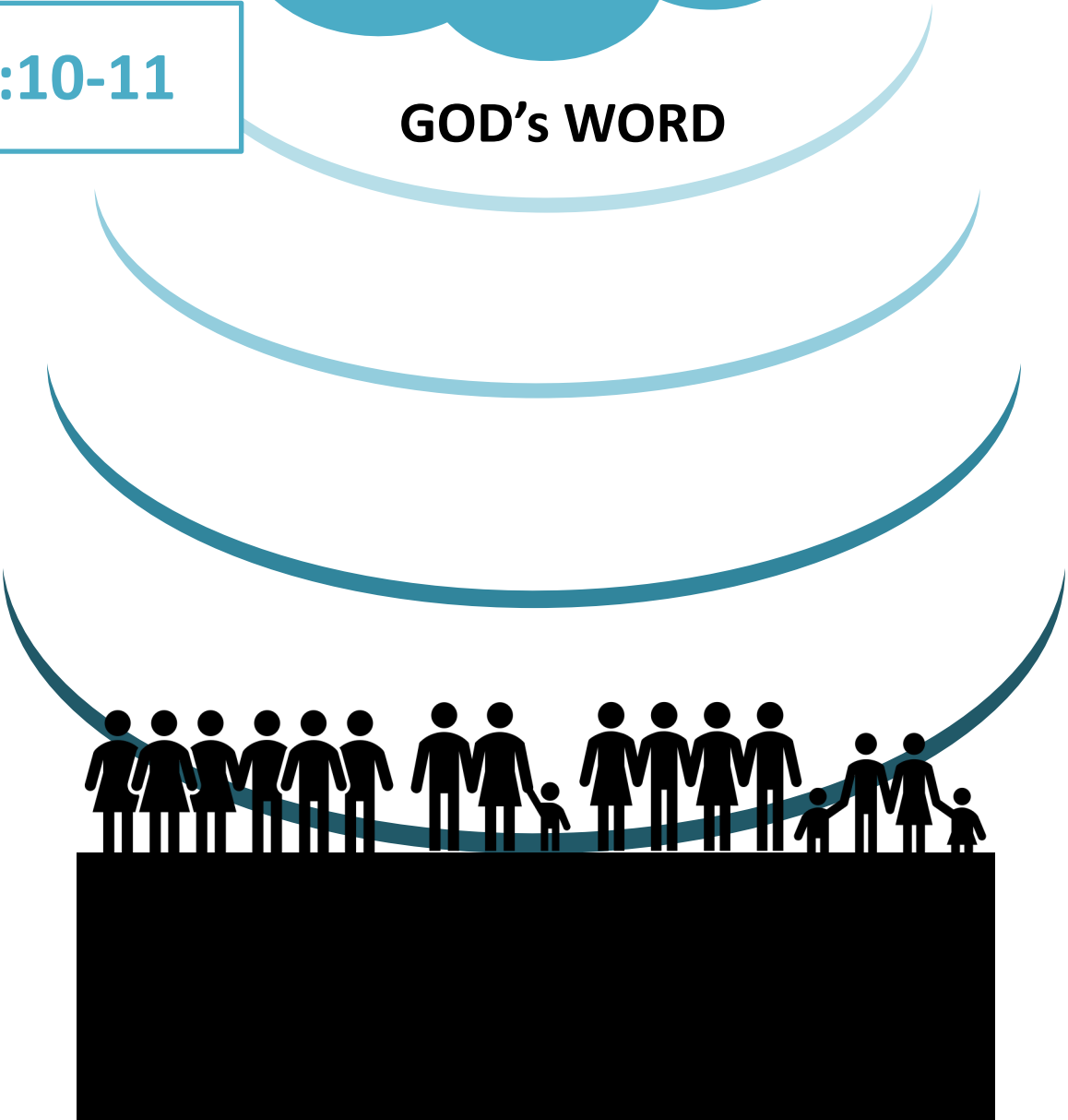
**...so will my word** be which goes forth  
from My mouth; It **will not return to**  
**Me empty**, without accomplishing what  
I desire, and without succeeding in the  
matter for which I sent it.



Isaiah 55:10-11



**GOD's WORD**





TRIUNE GOD

GOD'S WORD NEVER FAILS!

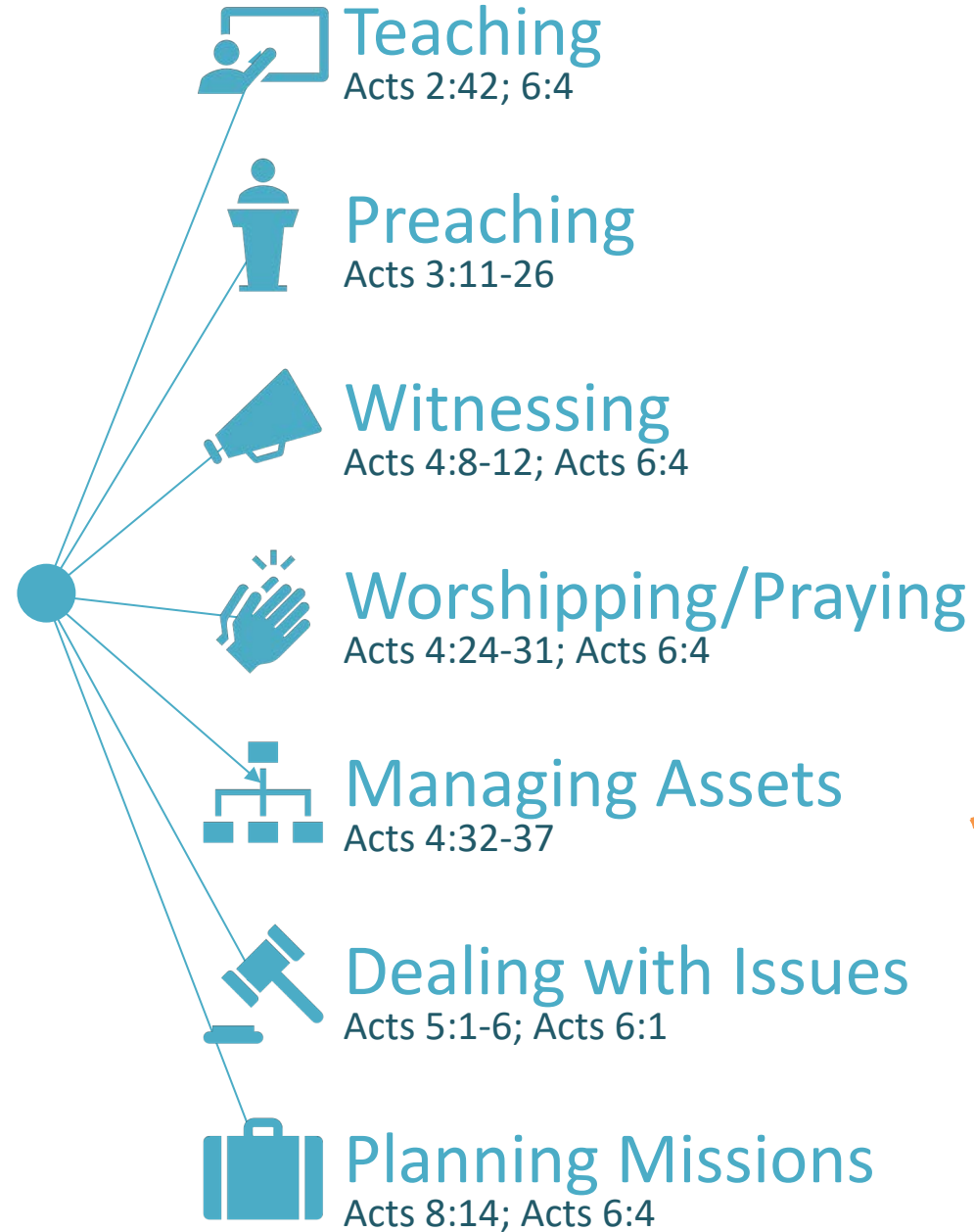
Isaiah 40:8; 1 Peter 1:22-25

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but **the Word of God endures forever**

How are elders supposed to  
**teach the Word of God?**



# By Prioritizing The **Word of God** like Christ's chosen **Apostles**



**Widows List**  
Acts 6:1

**Distribution**  
Acts 6:3



# BY

Preaching  
Christ via the  
entire counsel  
of God

1 Corinthians 2:2

Acts 20:27

BY

Titus 1:9  
1 Pe 5:2-3  
Acts 20:28



Holding fast the faithful word



According with historical teaching



Exhorting in sound doctrine



Refuting contradictors



Feeding the flock



Exercising oversight



Being on guard



Not lording it over people



Being an Example

# BUT

1 Tim 5:17

...especially  
those who  
work hard at  
preaching and  
teaching.



**Not same skill**  
(Romans 12:6; Ephesians 4:7)



**Not same gift**  
(1 Corinthians 12:29)



**Not same opportunities**  
(Proverbs 18:16)

TRIUNE GOD

AND BY ANSWERING TO GOD FOR THE FLOCK

Hebrews 13:17



Okay, **who are elders then?**  
**And who are deacons?**

Elders...

**Must be Able to teach**

Deacons...

**Not required to teach**

**Remember: Duty doesn't require gifting to be done!**

**Almost exactly same requirements!!!**

Elders are **mandatory**

Deacons are a **bonus**

**Don't judge assemblies that don't have deacons!**

**Remember Titus' job! (Tit 1:3)**



Elders appointed  
& recognized

Deacons...?

**NEVER** a popularity contest!

Tit 1:3; 1 Cor 16:15

**Elders work as a group**

*(watch over church and selves)*

**Deacons work with wives**

*(possible sensitive situations)*

**Highlights need for absolute above reproach!**

**1 Tim 3:8-12**

**Elders watch & care  
with the word**

**Deacons serve & help  
to focus on the word**

**Adherence to The Word of God is critical!**

# Able to Teach

**Elders must be able to teach the Word of God**

**Because that's where God promises to work**

**They must do it according to God's ways**

**And, if God wills it, he allows deacons to help Elders focus**