

Elgin Evangelical Free Church - August 7, 2022

## I. Clarification

Eldership is God's design & not man's convenient management plan for the church.

Elders are overseers and shepherds.

God's design calls for a "plurality" of elders.

Churches have different models of elder leadership which are permissible, but the qualifications of eldership are non-negotiable.

II. Calling – 3:1

- A. The desire to WORK for Jesus
  - 1. Lead the Flock Direct
  - 2. Care for the Flock Protect
  - 3. Nurture the Flock Teach

B. The desire for a great thing

III. Character – 3:2-7

A. Holiness in Character – 3:2-3

B. Fidelity in Teaching – 3:2a

C. Faithfulness in Family – 3:4-5

D. Maturity in Discipleship – 3:6

E. Excellence in Reputation – 3:7