

the designated persons of Biblical identification but we do identify them. A lot more must be said about this...probably the watchword is that you should prepare to be confused! (Strauch's books on elders and deacons are excellent source materials in these areas.)

B. Biblical Identification

1. "Elder", "pastor", "bishop" essentially describe the same "office". The Old Testament may set a pattern in the "elders of Israel" (Exodus 3:16, 18:21-23, 24:9 etc, and Numbers 11:17) The "seventy" sent by the Lord Jesus may follow some of this precedent (Luke 10:1) The equation of the office may be seen from a study of Acts 20:17, 28; Titus 3:1 and 1 Peter 5:1-2

Acts:
By the Holy Spirit

a body of only
administers
→ oversight

a. Elder:

(1) Qualifications

1 Timothy 3:1; 2-7
Titus 1:5-9

There are other qualifications not so stipulated but obviously given by the nature of duty.

(2) Duties

1 Peter 5:1-3
Hebrews 13:7-17
James 5:14

And there are other duties implied

(3) Recognition: Hebrews 13, et al

(4) Practical Questions...there are several!

that from the rule
= 7-17

b. Deacon

(1) The term

(2) The idea

Acts 14:23
Titus 1:5
descriptive:
(what the deacons
Paul etc B)

- 1 Tim 5:17, 18
- 1 Tim 5:19, 20
- 1) who holds
- 2) in/with
- 3) age
- 4) capability