



The Design of a Shepherd

Acts 20.17-38

Similarity in Terms:

- **These terms all reference the same New Testament office:**
 - **Elder/Shepherd - Acts 20.17,28**
 - **Elder/Overseer/Bishop - Titus 1.7**
 - **Elder/Shepherd/Pastor - 1 Peter 5.1-4 (implied)**



3 Responsibilities of Shepherds:

- To know the Gospel message.
 - Acts 20.24-27
- To handle that message with bravery.
 - Acts 20.20,26-27
- To guard and shepherd the church.
 - Acts 20.28
 - This role is responsive — 20.29
 - This role is forward-looking — 20.30-31



The Goal of Shepherds:

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

(Acts 20:32)

