

The Role of the Elder

Introduction

Opening Illustration –

1. A Father of the Church Matthew 23:9; Matthew 23:6–12
 - a. Authority 1 Timothy 3:4–5
 - i. Dad! He’s picking on me!
 - b. Correction Titus 1:9
 - i. Dad! He’s not following the rules!
 - c. Help James 5:14
 - i. Dad! I broke down!
 - d. Guidance Acts 20:28–32
 - i. Dad! Where do I go?
 - e. Provision Ephesians 4:11–16
 - i. Dad! I don’t have enough!
2. Manager of the Church. Overseer, Exercise Authority Through Service.
 - a. Because I said so! 1 Peter 5:1-2
 - b. Ministry of Grace 1 Corinthians 3:9–15
3. Shepherd of the flock, lead by Example, not by Compulsion. Acts 20:28
 - a. Earned Authority Hebrews 13:17
 - b. Living Example 1 Peter 5:1-4

Closing Illustration –

Closing Thought