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Responsibilities of elders/overseers/pastors

- **Lead.** Titus 1:7; 1 Tim. 5:17; 1 Peter 5:2-3
- **Teach.** Titus 1:9; 1 Tim. 5:17; Eph. 4:12
- **Guard.** Acts 20:28; Titus 1:9
- **Care.** Acts 20:35; James 5:14

The Qualifications of Overseers

1 Timothy 3:1-7



BRIAN
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ROBERTS



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MARK
FRYAR



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¹ So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

1 Peter 5:1–4

1. Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal Lord and Savior? **“I do”**
2. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice? **“I do”**
3. Do you affirm the statement of faith Midlothian Bible Church? **“I do”**

4. Will you be faithful in the discharge of the responsibility entrusted to you, depending on God for wisdom and discernment in making decisions in accordance with His will for this church? **“I will”**
5. Will you seek to lead the church to glorify God and make disciples of Jesus Christ? **“I will”**

6. Will you commit to servant leadership setting aside selfish interest and ambitions, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace? **“I will”**
7. Will you serve this church family in humility and love, full of grace and truth, as you abide in Christ, and rely on the Holy Spirit to manifest His fruit in the leading, teaching, guarding, and caring for this local family of believers? **“I will”**

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Hebrews 13:17

1. Will you uphold these leaders in your prayers, that they may have the heart, mind, and character of Christ in their servant leadership? **“I will”**
2. Will you accept their authority to lead as long as it is consistent with God’s Word as those chosen by God to oversee the spiritual welfare of this local body believers which you have voluntarily chosen to be a part? **“I will”**

3. Will you encourage these servant leaders by your support and participation in the ministries of this church and as you have opportunity? **“I will”**
4. Will you seek to encourage and appreciate their service to Christ and His Church? **“I will”**

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Elder are to exemplify hospitality

⁷ For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain,
⁸but **hospitable**...

Titus 1:7–8a

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1 Timothy 3:2

What does word hospitality mean?

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philos = friend or loving + **xenos** = stranger

the love of strangers

friendliness to strangers

Those who live out radically ordinary hospitality see their homes not as theirs at all but as God's gift to use for the furtherance of his kingdom. They open doors; they seek out the underprivileged. They know that the gospel comes with a house key. ...When radically ordinary hospitality is lived out, members of God's household are told that they are not alone in their struggles or their joys. Radically ordinary hospitality is accompanied suffering. ...This is what radically ordinary hospitality accomplishes in the Lord's grace. It meets people as strangers and makes them neighbors; it meets neighbors and makes them family.

Rosaria Butterfield in *The Gospel Comes with a Housekey*

Hospitality is for every believer.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:1

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⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and **seek to show hospitality.**

Romans 12:9-13

The Motive for Hospitality

33 “When a **stranger** sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong.

34 You shall treat the **stranger** who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for **you were strangers in the land of Egypt**: I am the LORD your God.

Leviticus 19:33-34

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¹²remember that you were at that time **separated** from Christ, **alienated** from the commonwealth of Israel and **strangers** to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³**But now** in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.... ¹⁹So then you are **no longer strangers** and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Ephesians 2:12–13, 19

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 - Direct
 - Treat
 - Seat
 - Connect

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