

Appendix – Leaders in the New Testament

The following sections list all references to leadership positions mentioned in the early church. Only New Testament passages outside of the gospels are cited.

Apostles (*apostolos*)

Uses of *apostle*, *apostles*, or *apostleship*. (Twenty verses are omitted that are obvious references to “the apostles,” that is, “the twelve.”)

Acts 14:14 When the *apostles* Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting...

Acts 15:2 And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the *apostles* and the elders.

Acts 15:4 When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the *apostles* and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them.

Acts 15:6 The *apostles* and the elders met together to consider this matter.

Acts 15:22–23 Then the *apostles* and the elders, with the consent of the whole church, decided to choose men from among their members and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers, with the following letter: “The brothers, both the *apostles* and the elders, to the believers of Gentile origin in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings.

Acts 16:4 As they went from town to town, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the *apostles* and elders who were in Jerusalem.

[NOTE how “apostles and (the) elders” are consistently used together in the latter chapters of Acts.]

Romans 1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an *apostle*, set apart for the gospel of God...

Romans 1:5 through whom we have received grace and *apostleship* to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name...

Romans 11:13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an *apostle* to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry...

Romans 16:7 Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the *apostles*, and they were in Christ before I was.

1 Corinthians 1:1 Paul, called to be an *apostle* of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

1 Corinthians 4:9 For I think that God has exhibited us *apostles* as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals.

1 Corinthians 9:1–2 Am I not free? Am I not an *apostle*? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an *apostle* to others, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my *apostleship* in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 9:5 Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife, as do the other *apostles* and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?

1 Corinthians 12:28–29 And God has appointed in the church first *apostles*, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all *apostles*? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

1 Corinthians 15:7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the *apostles*.

1 Corinthians 15:9 For I am the least of the *apostles*, unfit to be called an *apostle*, because I persecuted the church of God.

2 Corinthians 1:1 Paul, an *apostle* of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our

brother, To the church of God that is in Corinth, including all the saints throughout Achaia...

- 2 Corinthians 11:13** For such boasters are false *apostles*, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as *apostles* of Christ.
- 2 Corinthians 12:12** The signs of a true *apostle* were performed among you with utmost patience, signs and wonders and mighty works.
- Galatians 1:1** Paul an *apostle*—sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—
- Galatians 1:17** nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already *apostles* before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.
- Galatians 1:19** but I did not see any other *apostle* except James the Lord's brother.
- Galatians 2:8** (for he who worked through Peter making him an *apostle* to the circumcised also worked through me in sending me to the Gentiles)...
- Ephesians 1:1** Paul, an *apostle* of Christ Jesus by the will of God...
To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus...
- Ephesians 2:20** built upon the foundation of the *apostles* and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
- Ephesians 3:5** In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy *apostles* and prophets by the Spirit...
- Ephesians 4:11** The gifts he gave were that some would be *apostles*, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers...
- Colossians 1:1** Paul, an *apostle* of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother...
- 1 Thessalonians 2:7** though we might have made demands as *apostles* of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children.
- 1 Timothy 1:1** Paul, an *apostle* of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope...
- 1 Timothy 2:7** For this I was appointed a herald and an *apostle* (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.
- 2 Timothy 1:1** Paul, an *apostle* of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus...
- 2 Timothy 1:11** For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an *apostle* and a teacher...
- Titus 1:1** Paul, a servant of God and an *apostle* of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that is in accordance with godliness...
- Hebrews 3:1** Therefore, brothers and sisters, holy partners in a heavenly calling, consider that Jesus, the *apostle* and high priest of our confession...
- 1 Peter 1:1** Peter, an *apostle* of Jesus Christ, To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia...
- 2 Peter 1:1** Simeon Peter, a servant and *apostle* of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith as precious as ours through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ...
- 2 Peter 3:2** that you should remember the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken through your *apostles*.
- Jude 17** But you, beloved, must remember the predictions of the *apostles* of our Lord Jesus Christ...
- Revelation 2:2** "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be *apostles* but are not, and have found them to be false.
- Revelation 18:20** Rejoice over her, O heaven, you saints and *apostles* and prophets! For God has given judgment for you against her."
- Revelation 21:14** And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve *apostles* of the Lamb.

Deacon, Servant, Minister (*diakonos*)

Diakonos is Greek for someone who executes the commands of another, especially of a master; a servant, attendant, assistant/helper or minister. (Variations of the word show up in places as *serve* and *administer*.) The word often translated as servant (like the servants who bring water to Jesus at the wedding at Cana); it can also mean an attendant or a waiter (at table or in other menial duties). It also took on the meaning of a leader in the early church: a servant, minister or deacon.

Acts 19:22 So [Paul] sent two of his *helpers*, Timothy and Erastus, to Macedonia, while he himself stayed for some time longer in Asia.

Romans 13:3-4a For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's *servant* for your good.

Romans 15:7-9 Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a *servant* of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

Romans 15:15-16 Nevertheless on some points I have written to you rather boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God to be a *minister* of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God

Romans 16:1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a *deacon* of the church at Cenchreae...

1 Corinthians 3:5-6 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? *Servants* through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each.

2 Corinthians 3:4-6 Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be *ministers* of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

2 Corinthians 3-4a We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as *servants* of God we have commended ourselves in every way...

2 Corinthians 8:18-20 With [Titus] we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his proclaiming the good news; and not only that, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us while we are *administering* this generous undertaking for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our goodwill. We intend that no one should blame us about this generous gift that we are *administering*...

2 Corinthians 11:15 So it is not strange if his *ministers* also disguise themselves as *ministers* of righteousness. Their end will match their deeds.

2 Corinthians 11:23 Are they *ministers* of Christ? I am talking like a madman—I am a better one: with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless floggings, and often near death.

Galatians 2:17 But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a *servant* of sin?

Ephesians 3:7 Of this gospel I have become a *servant* according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power.

Ephesians 6:21 So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus will tell you everything. He is a dear brother and a faithful *minister* in the Lord.

Philippians 1:1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and *deacons*...

Philippians 2:25 Still, I think it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus—my brother and co-worker and fellow soldier, your messenger and *minister* to my need...

Colossians 1:7 This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved *fellow servant*. He is a faithful *minister* of Christ on your behalf...

Colossians 1:23b I, Paul, became a *servant* of this gospel.

Colossians 1:25 I became its *servant* according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known...

Colossians 4:7 Tychicus will tell you all the news about me; he is a beloved brother, a faithful *minister*, and a *fellow servant* in the Lord.

1 Timothy 3:8,12 *Deacons* likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not indulging in much wine, not greedy for money... Let *deacons* be married only once, and let them manage their children and their households well...

1 Timothy 4:6 If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good *servant* of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed.

Hebrews 6:10 For God is not unjust; he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in *servicing* the saints, as you still do.

Hebrews 8:1–2 Now the main point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a *minister* in the sanctuary and the true tent that the Lord, and not any mortal, has set up.

1 Peter 4:10 Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, *serve* one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

Prophets (*profétés*) and Prophecy/sy

Uses of *prophet*, *prophets*, *prophecy* and *prophecy*. A good many verses are omitted that clearly refer to Old Testament prophets or to unknown prophets who apparently were not church leaders.

Acts 11:27 At that time *prophets* came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.

Acts 13:1 Now in the church at Antioch there were *prophets* and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul.

Acts 13:6 When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they met a certain magician, a Jewish *false prophet*, named Bar-jesus.

Acts 15:32 Judas and Silas, who were themselves *prophets*, said much to encourage and strengthen the believers.

Acts 21:9–10 [Philip the evangelist] had four unmarried daughters who had the gift of *prophecy*. While we were staying there for several days, a *prophet* named Agabus came down from Judea.

Romans 12:6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: *prophecy*, in proportion to faith...

1 Corinthians 11:4 Any man who prays or *prophesies* with something on his head disgraces his head, but any woman who prays or *prophesies* with her head unveiled disgraces her head—it is one and the same thing as having her head shaved.

1 Corinthians 12:10 to another the working of miracles, to another *prophecy*, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second *prophets*, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.

1 Corinthians 13:2 And if I have *prophetic* powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:8–9 Love never ends. But as for *prophecies*, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we *prophecy* only in part...

1 Corinthians 14:1–6, 22–33a, 37–40 Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts, and especially that you may *prophecy*. For those who speak in a tongue do not speak to other

people but to God; for nobody understands them, since they are speaking mysteries in the Spirit. On the other hand, those who *prophesy* speak to other people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. Those who speak in a tongue build up themselves, but those who *prophesy* build up the church. Now I would like all of you to speak in tongues, but even more to *prophesy*. One who *prophesies* is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up. Now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I speak to you in some revelation or knowledge or *prophecy* or teaching?...

Tongues, then, are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while *prophecy* is not for unbelievers but for believers. If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your mind? But if all *prophesy*, an unbeliever or outsider who enters is reproved by all and called to account by all. After the secrets of the unbeliever's heart are disclosed, that person will bow down before God and worship him, declaring, "God is really among you."

What should be done then, my friends? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn; and let one interpret. But if there is no one to interpret, let them be silent in church and speak to themselves and to God. Let two or three *prophets* speak, and let the others weigh what is said. If a revelation is made to someone else sitting nearby, let the first person be silent. For you can all *prophesy* one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged. And the spirits of *prophets* are subject to the *prophets*, for God is a God not of disorder but of peace. ...

Anyone who claims to be a *prophet*, or to have spiritual powers, must acknowledge that what I am writing to you is a command of the Lord. Anyone who does not recognize this is not to be recognized. So, my friends, be eager to *prophesy*, and do not forbid speaking in tongues; but all things should be done decently and in order.

Ephesians 3:5 In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and *prophets* by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Ephesians 4:11 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some *prophets*, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers...

1 Thessalonians 2:14–16 For you, brothers and sisters, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you suffered the same things from your own compatriots as they did from the Jews, who killed both the Lord Jesus and the *prophets*, and drove us out; they displease God and oppose everyone by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved.

1 Thessalonians 5:14–22 And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of *prophets*, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

1 Timothy 1:18 I am giving you these instructions, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the *prophecies* made earlier about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight...

1 Timothy 4:14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through *prophecy* with the laying on of hands by the council of elders.

- James 5:10** As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the *prophets* who spoke in the name of the Lord.
- 1 Peter 1:10** Concerning this salvation, the *prophets* who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry...
- 2 Peter 1:19–21** So we have the *prophetic* message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no *prophecy* of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no *prophecy* ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.
- 2 Peter 2:1** But *false prophets* also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive opinions. They will even deny the Master who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves.
- 2 Peter 3:1** This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you; in them I am trying to arouse your sincere intention by reminding you that you should remember the words spoken in the past by the holy *prophets*, and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken through your apostles.
- 1 John 4:1** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many *false prophets* have gone out into the world.
(21 passages from Revelation that use variations of *proph** are omitted.)

Elders (*presbuteros*)

Uses of *elder* or *elder*. (Several verses are omitted that refer to Jewish elders, as in “chief priests and elders,” or when the reference is to an elder in a family, as well as the dozen verses in Revelation that talk about elders in the heavenly realm.)

- Acts 4:5** The next day their rulers, *elders*, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem...
- Acts 4:8** Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and *elders*...”
- Acts 11:30** this they did, sending it to the *elders* by Barnabas and Saul.
- Acts 14:23** And after they had appointed *elders* for them in each church, with prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.
- Acts 15:2** And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the *elders*.
- Acts 15:4** When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the *elders*, and they reported all that God had done with them.
- Acts 15:6** The apostles and the *elders* met together to consider this matter.
- Acts 15:22–23** Then the apostles and the *elders*, with the consent of the whole church, decided to choose men from among their members and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers, with the following letter: “The brothers, both the apostles and the *elders*, to the believers of Gentile origin in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings.
- Acts 16:4** As they went from town to town, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and *elders* who were in Jerusalem.
- Acts 20:17** From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the *elders* of the church to meet him.
- Acts 21:18** The next day Paul went with us to visit James; and all the *elders* were present.
- 1 Timothy 4:14** Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of *elders*.
- 1 Timothy 5:17** Let the *elders* who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching...

1 Timothy 5:19 Never accept any accusation against an *elder* except on the evidence of two or three witnesses.

Titus 1:5 I left you behind in Crete for this reason, so that you should put in order what remained to be done, and should appoint *elders* in every town, as I directed you...

James 5:14 Are any among you sick? They should call for the *elders* of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

1 Peter 5:1 Now as an *elder* myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the *elders* among you...

1 Peter 5:5 In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the *elders*. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

2 John 1 The *elder* to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth, and not only I but also all who know the truth...

3 John 1 The *elder* to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.

Teachers (*didaskalos*)

Acts 13:1 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and *teachers*: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul.

Romans 12:6–7 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the *teacher*, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

1 Corinthians 12:28–29 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third *teachers*; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all *teachers*? Do all work miracles?

Galatians 6:6 Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their *teacher*.

Ephesians 4:11 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and *teachers*...

1 Timothy 1:3–7 I urge you, as I did when I was on my way to Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus so that you may instruct certain people not to *teach* any different doctrine, and not to occupy themselves with myths and endless genealogies that promote speculations rather than the divine training that is known by faith. But the aim of such instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith. Some people have deviated from these and turned to meaningless talk, desiring to be *teachers* of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make assertions.

1 Timothy 2:7 For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a *teacher* of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

1 Timothy 3:2 Now a bishop must be above reproach, married only once, temperate, sensible, respectable, hospitable, an apt *teacher*...

2 Timothy 1:11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a *teacher*...

2 Timothy 2:24 And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to everyone, an apt *teacher*, patient...

Hebrews 5:11–12 About this we have much to say that is hard to explain, since you have become dull in understanding. For though by this time you ought to be *teachers*, you need someone to teach you again the basic elements of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food...

James 3:1 Not many of you should become *teachers*, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

Shepherd/Pastor (*poimén*)

Uses of *shepherd* and related Greek words. (Some related Greek verses that use related words translated as feeding or ruling someone are omitted.)

Acts 20:28 Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to *shepherd* the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son.

1 Corinthians 9:7 Who at any time pays the expenses for doing military service? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat any of its fruit? Or who *tends* [shepherds] a flock and does not get any of its milk?

Hebrews 13:20 Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great *shepherd* of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant...

1 Peter 2:25 For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the *shepherd* and guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 5:1–2 Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to *tend* [shepherd] the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly.

1 Peter 5:1–4 Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to *tend* [shepherd] the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief *shepherd* appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

Revelation 7:17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their *shepherd*, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Ephesians 4:11–12 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some *pastors* and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...

[NOTE: This is the *only* place where *poimen* is translated as pastor; it could have just as easily been translated as shepherd.]

Overseer or Bishop (*Episkopos*)

Uses of *episkopos*, which is translated either as *overseer* or *bishop*.

Acts 1:20 “For it is written in the book of Psalms,
‘Let his homestead become desolate,
and let there be no one to live in it’;
and ‘Let another take his position of *overseer*.’

Acts 20:28 Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you *overseers*, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son.

Philippians 1:1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the *bishops* and deacons...

1 Timothy 3:1–2 The saying is sure: whoever aspires to the office of *bishop* desires a noble task. Now a *bishop* must be above reproach, married only once, temperate, sensible, respectable, hospitable, an apt teacher...

Titus 1:7 For a *bishop*, as God’s steward, must be blameless; he must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or addicted to wine or violent or greedy for gain...

1 Peter 5:1–2 Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the *oversight*, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly.

Leader, manager (*proistem*)

Proistemi and related words.

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1 Thessalonians 5:12 But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and *have charge* of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work.

1 Timothy 3:4–5 [A bishop] must *manage* his own household well, keeping his children submissive and respectful in every way— for if someone does not know how to *manage* his own household, how can he take care of God’s church?

1 Timothy 3:12 Let deacons be married only once, and let them *manage* their children and their households well....

1 Timothy 5:17 Let the elders who *rule well* be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.

Evangelists (*euaggelistes*)

Acts 21:8 The next day we left and came to Caesarea; and we went into the house of Philip the *evangelist*, one of the seven, and stayed with him.

Ephesians 4:11 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some *evangelists*, some pastors and teachers,

2 Timothy 4:5 As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an *evangelist*, carry out your ministry fully.