

# What Is The Church: Offices

## 1 Timothy 3:1-13

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**Thesis:** God has given offices to the church as gifts of His grace, but the modern church has adopted worldly ideas of leadership. For the church to fulfill the will of God regarding its offices, the church must: know its offices, what they are called to do, their qualifications, and how God wills for authority and submission to work in the church.

1. Worldly ideas of church leadership
  - A. CEO or entrepreneur
  
  
  
  - B. Celebrity
  
  
  
  - C. Leader in name only
  
2. The two biblical offices of the church
  - A. Elder: three terms / one office
    1. Presbuteros
  
  
  
    2. Episkopos
  
  
  
    3. Poimen
  
  
  
    4. What do they do?

B. Deacon

1. Who are they?

2. What do they do?

3. The qualifications for both offices (1 Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9)

A. Character over ability

B. Difference in qualification

4. Submission and authority in the church

**Application:**

1. Strive to meet the qualifications of an elder and a deacon and encourage others to do the same.

2. Consider how you can support the local church and its offices.

3. As the church, are you devoted to upholding the offices of the church?