

Lessons In Leadership
“Elders: Their Appointment”
Selected Scripture

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How do we go about appointing elders?

Originally:

- The appointing of elders was the work of the apostles (Acts 14:23)
- Some appointing took place through those commissioned by the apostles (Titus 1:5)
- √ Due to the gravity of the consequences, the selection and appointing of elders was not to be taken lightly (1 Tim 5:22)

Today, there are three prevalent opinions or methods:

- Elders are appointed by congregational nomination and by congregational vote
- Elders are selected and appointed by the senior pastor
- Elders are selected and appointed by the current elders

The process of appointing elders is to include:

- Identification of potential leaders (1 Tim 3:1; 1 Peter 5:2)
- Examination of their qualifications (1 Tim 3:2-7; Titus 1:5-9)
- Approval of their acceptance as leaders (1 Tim 5:22)

How will Westside Christian Church go about appointing elders?

The Process:

- Initially, the senior pastor will select potential elders; after that, the current elders will select potential leaders for future appointment. (*Identification*)
- Selected members of Westside will have the opportunity to evaluate the candidates' qualifications (*Examination*)
- All members and the non-members will have the opportunity to finalize the acceptance of the candidates for service as leaders (*Approval*)
- Upon successful completion of this process, the candidates will be officially appointed as elders of Westside Christian Church. (*Appointment*)