

How God Makes a Pastor



Titus 1:5

**This is why I left you
in Crete, so that you
might put what
remained into order,
and appoint elders
in every town as I
directed you**



Philippians 1:1

**Paul and Timothy,
servants of Christ
Jesus, to all the saints
in Christ Jesus who
are at Philippi, with
the overseers and
deacons**



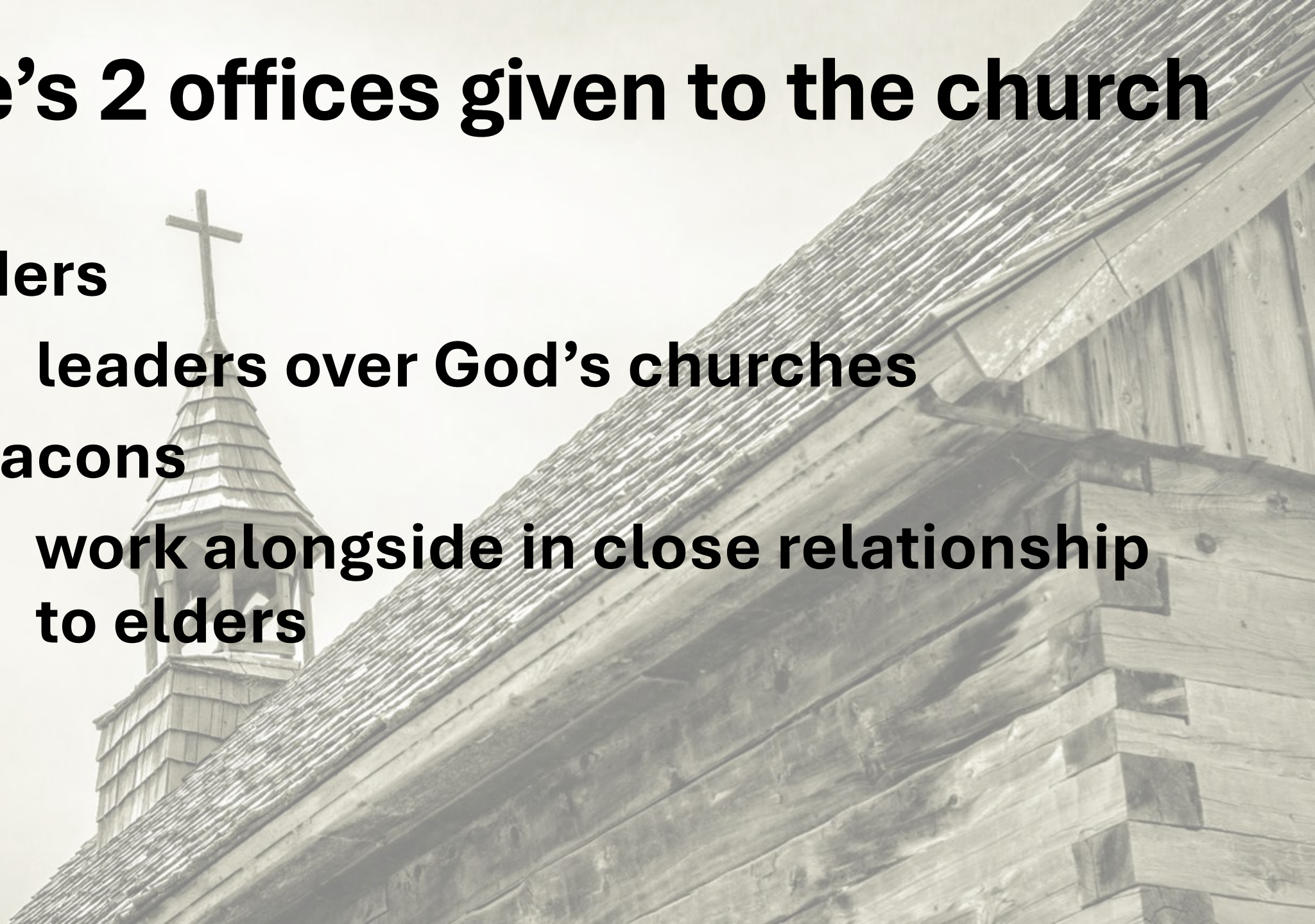
There's 2 offices given to the church

1. Elders

leaders over God's churches

2. Deacons

**work alongside in close relationship
to elders**



There's 1 office with 3 functions given

- 1. Elder—emphasizes age, experience, wisdom and counsel**
- 2. Pastor—emphasizes watchful care for health by feeding and protecting, leading**
- 3. Bishop/Overseer—emphasizes the responsibility of administration and organization**

There's only 1 Chief Shepherd

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: shepherd (*pastor*) the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight...and when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory—1 Peter 5

I. Christian Maturity is Foundation



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Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive

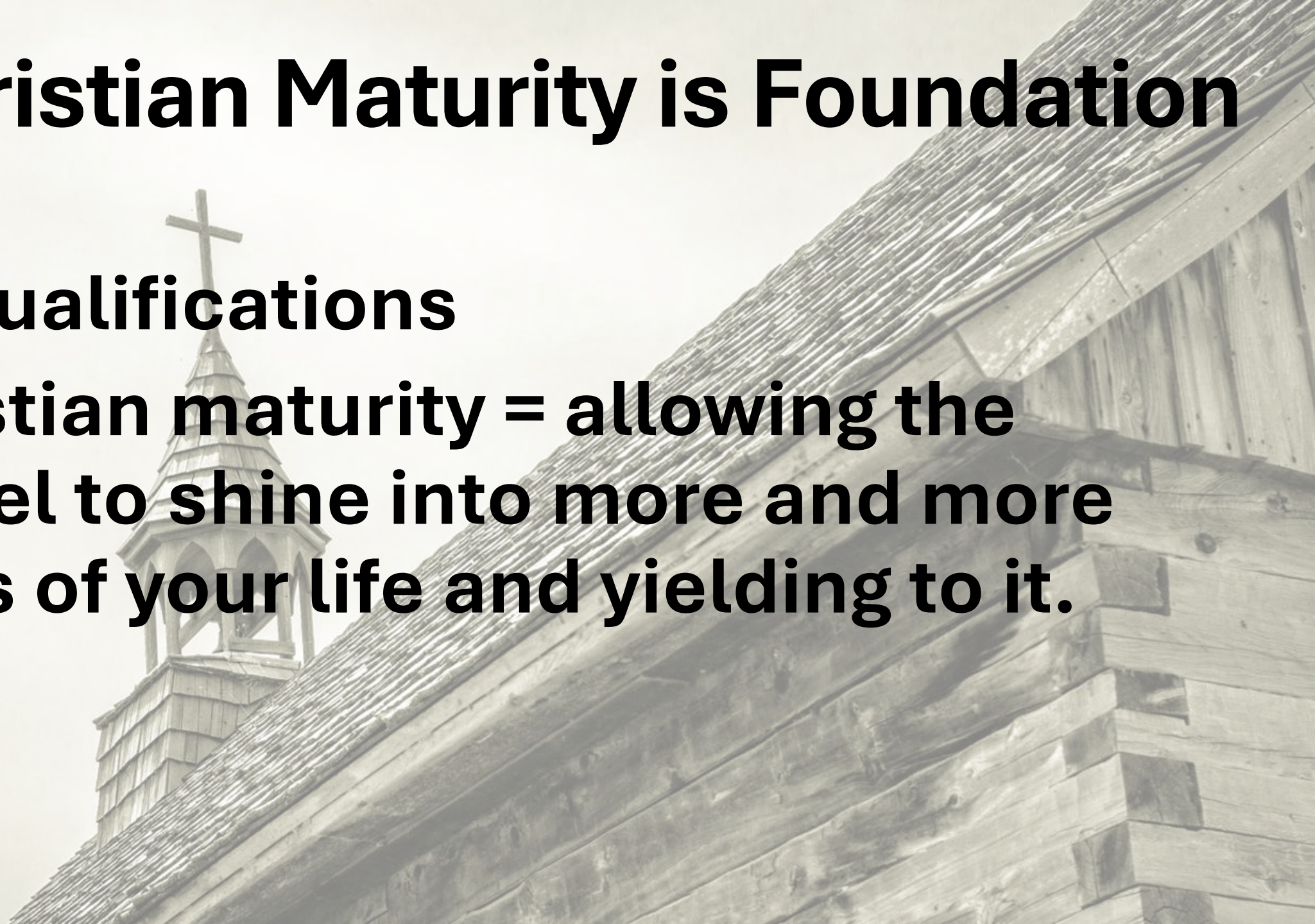
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For if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil—1 Timothy 3:2-7

I. Christian Maturity is Foundation

a. Qualifications

Christian maturity = allowing the gospel to shine into more and more areas of your life and yielding to it.



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a. Qualifications

b. Aspiration

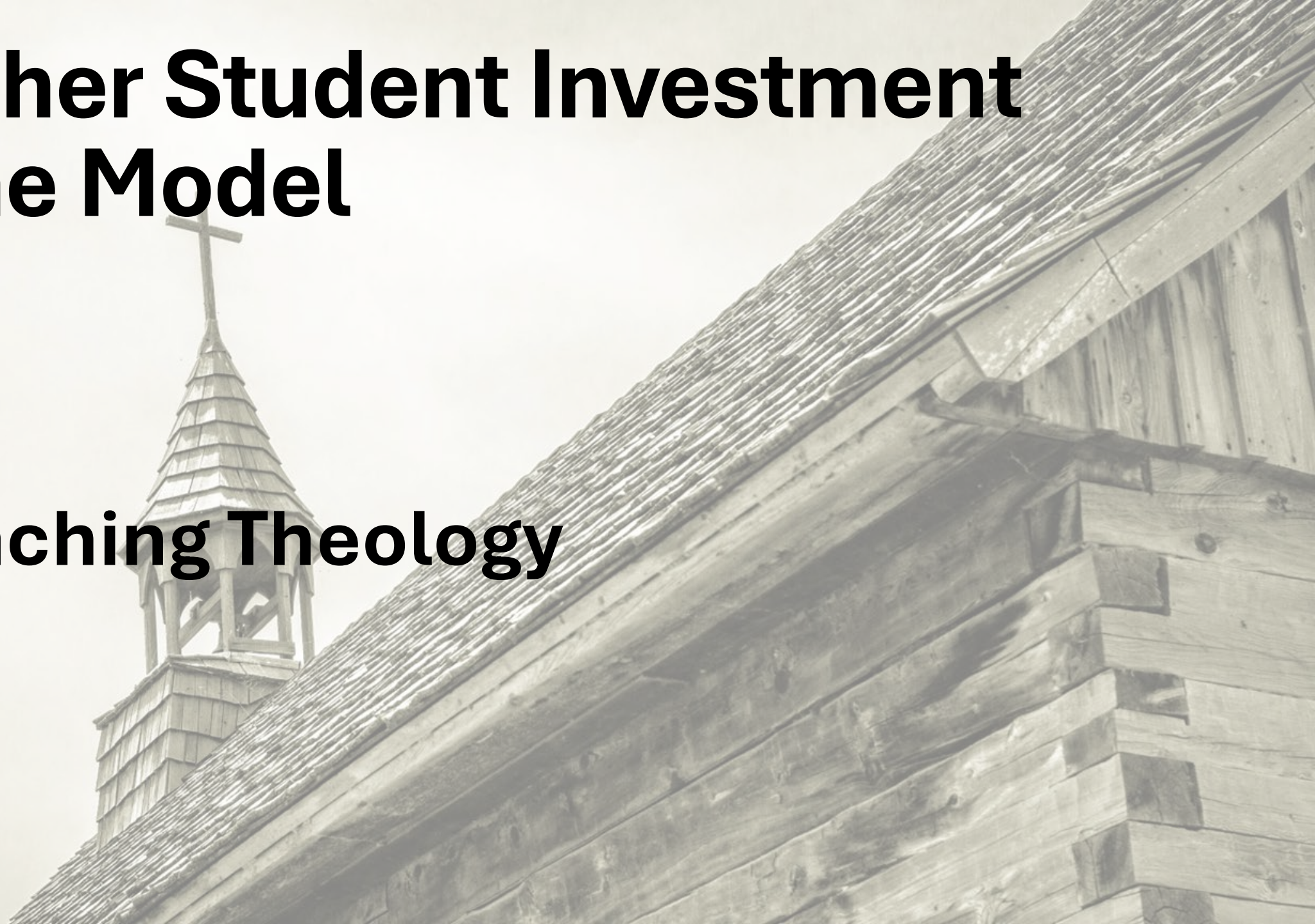
The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer he desires a noble task—1 Timothy 3:1

II. Teacher Student Investment is the Model

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach to others also—2 Timothy 2:1-2

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1. Teaching Theology



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Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season: reprove, rebuke and exhort with complete patience and teaching.—2 Timothy 4:2

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It is crystal clear that the indispensable quality, which incidentally distinguishes the elder from the deacon, is the ability to master Christian doctrine, to evaluate it in others, to teach it, and to debate it with those who teach falsehood—Alexander Strauch

II. Teacher Student Investment is the Model

1. Teaching Theology

2. Training Shepherding



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shepherd (*pastor*) 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, not domineering over those in charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory—1 Peter 5:2-4

II. Teacher Student Investment is the Model

- 1. Teaching Theology**
- 2. Training Shepherding**
- 3. Responsible Recognition**

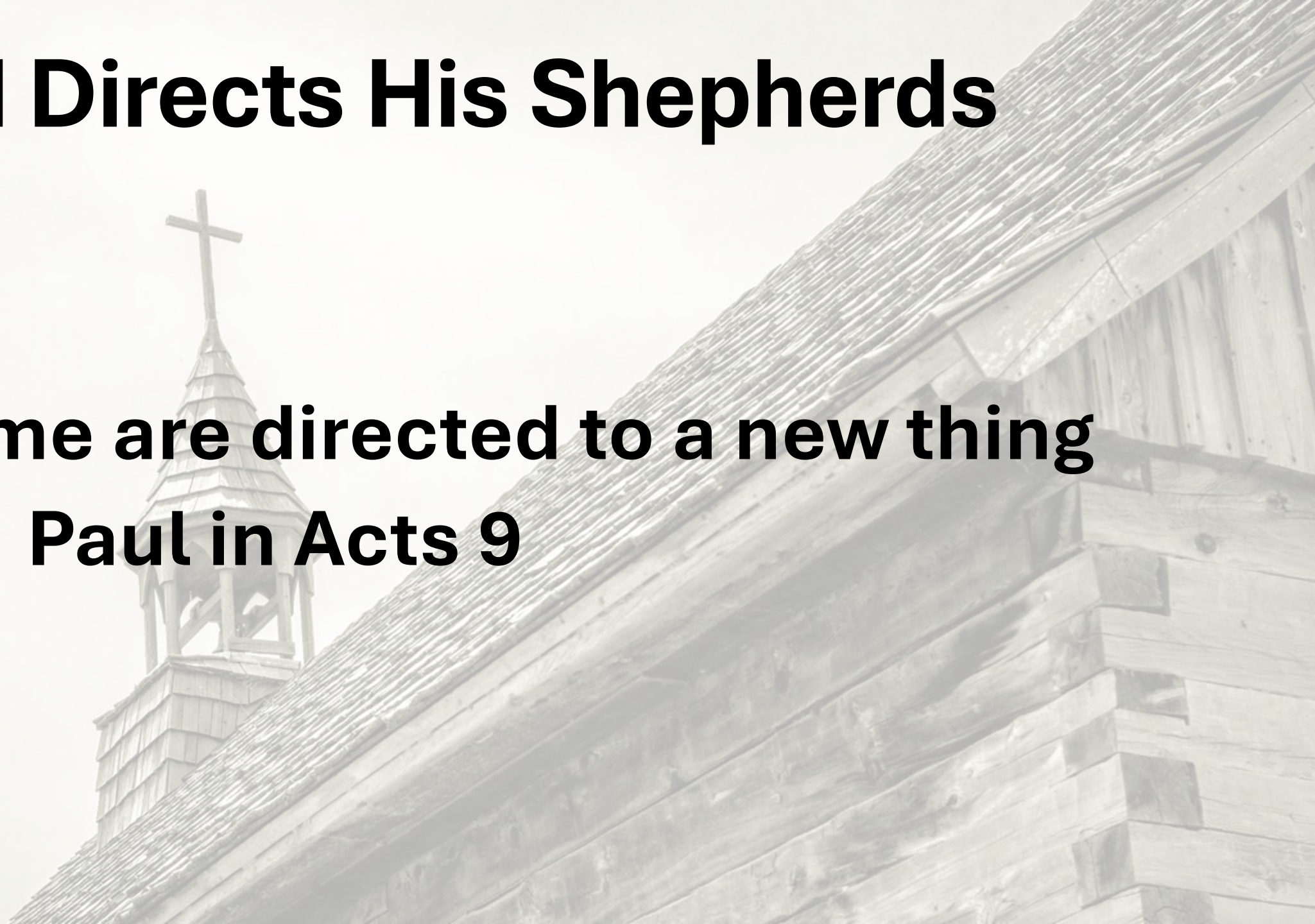


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**Do not hurry to lay hands on anyone
[ordaining and approving someone for
ministry or an office in the church, or in
reinstating expelled offenders], and
thereby share in the sins of others; keep
yourself free from sin.-1 Tim. 5:22**

III. God Directs His Shepherds

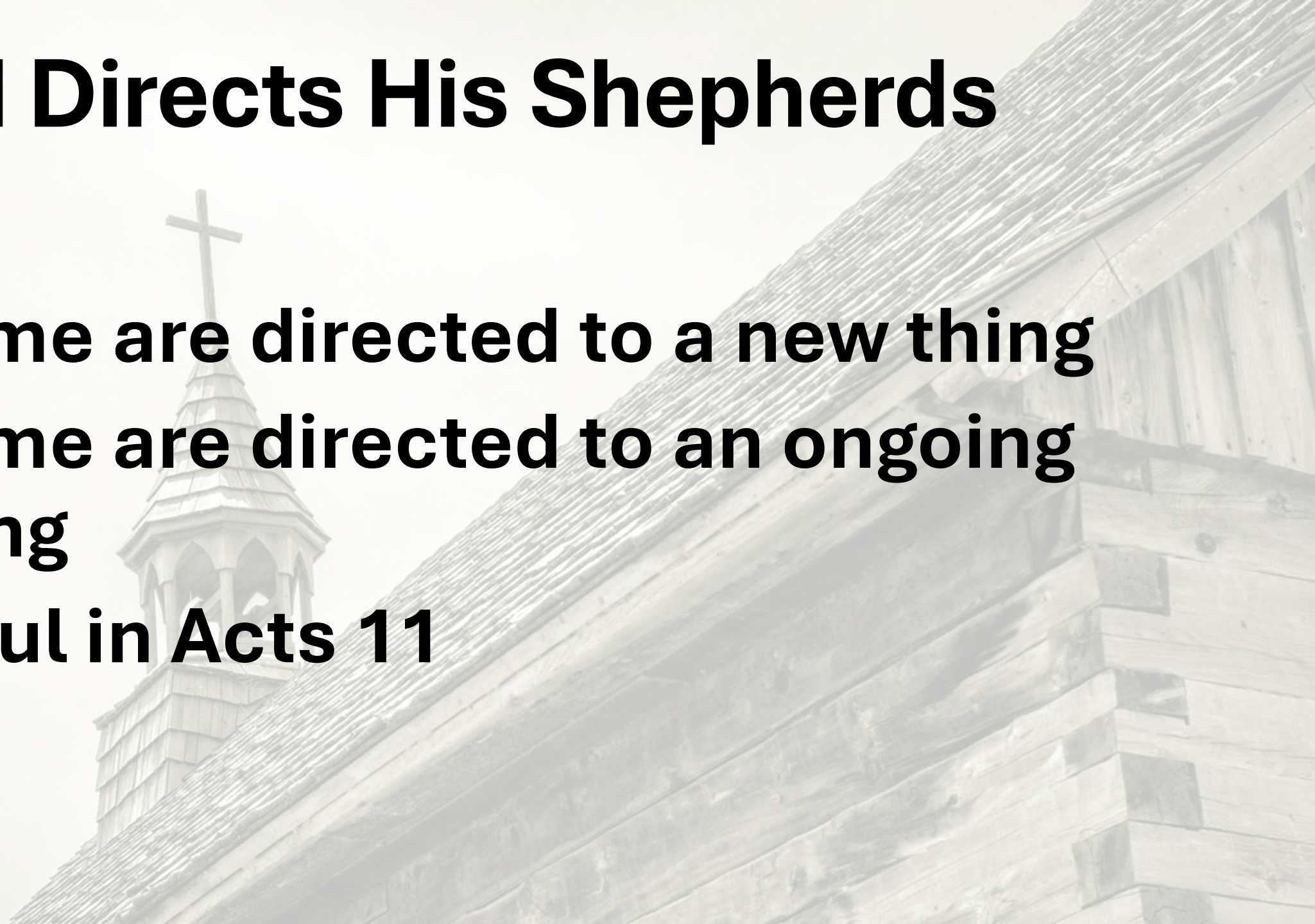
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III. God Directs His Shepherds

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- 2. Some are directed to an ongoing thing**

Paul in Acts 11





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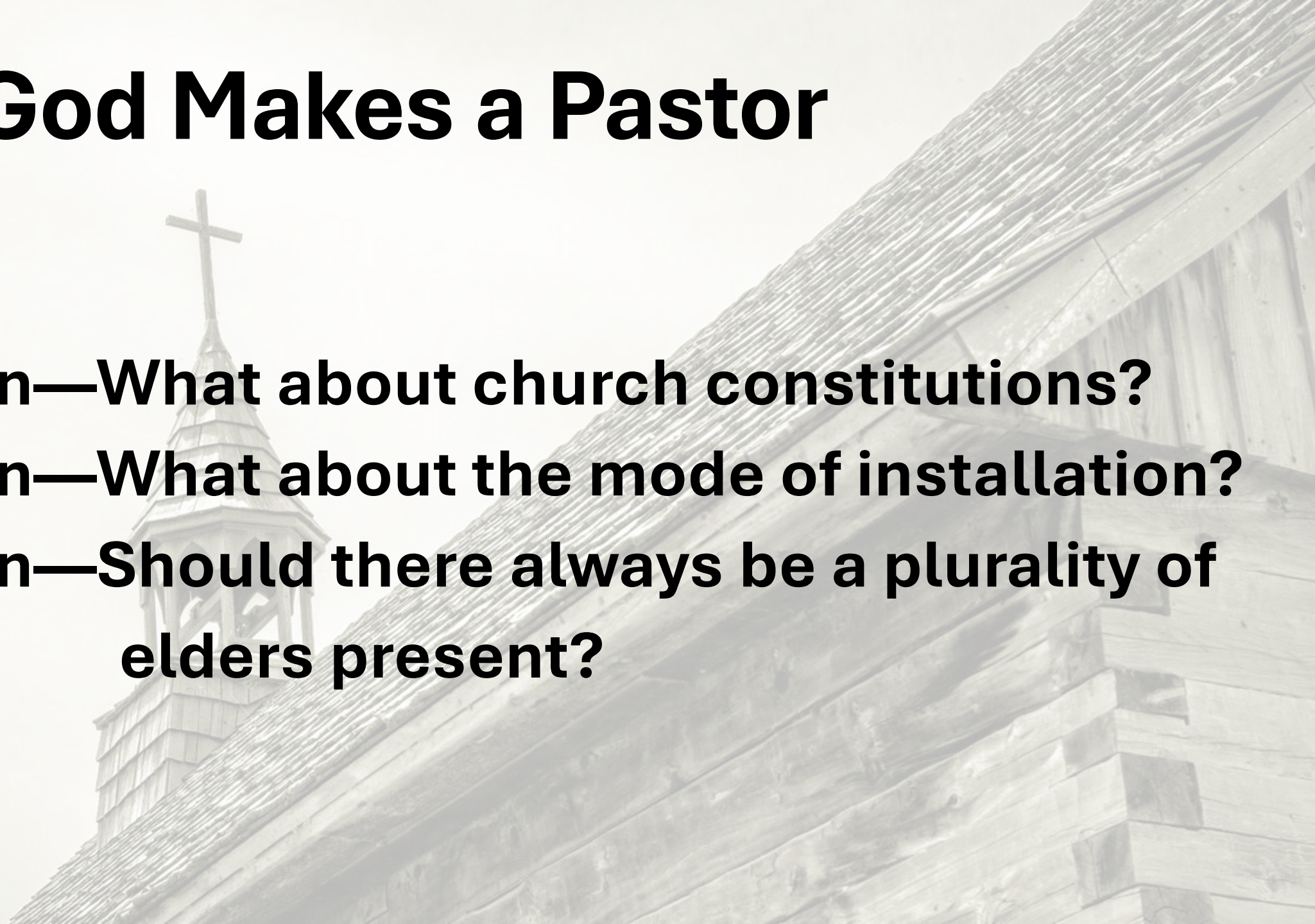


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Question—What about church constitutions?

Question—What about the mode of installation?

Question—Should there always be a plurality of elders present?



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Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood—Acts 20:26-29