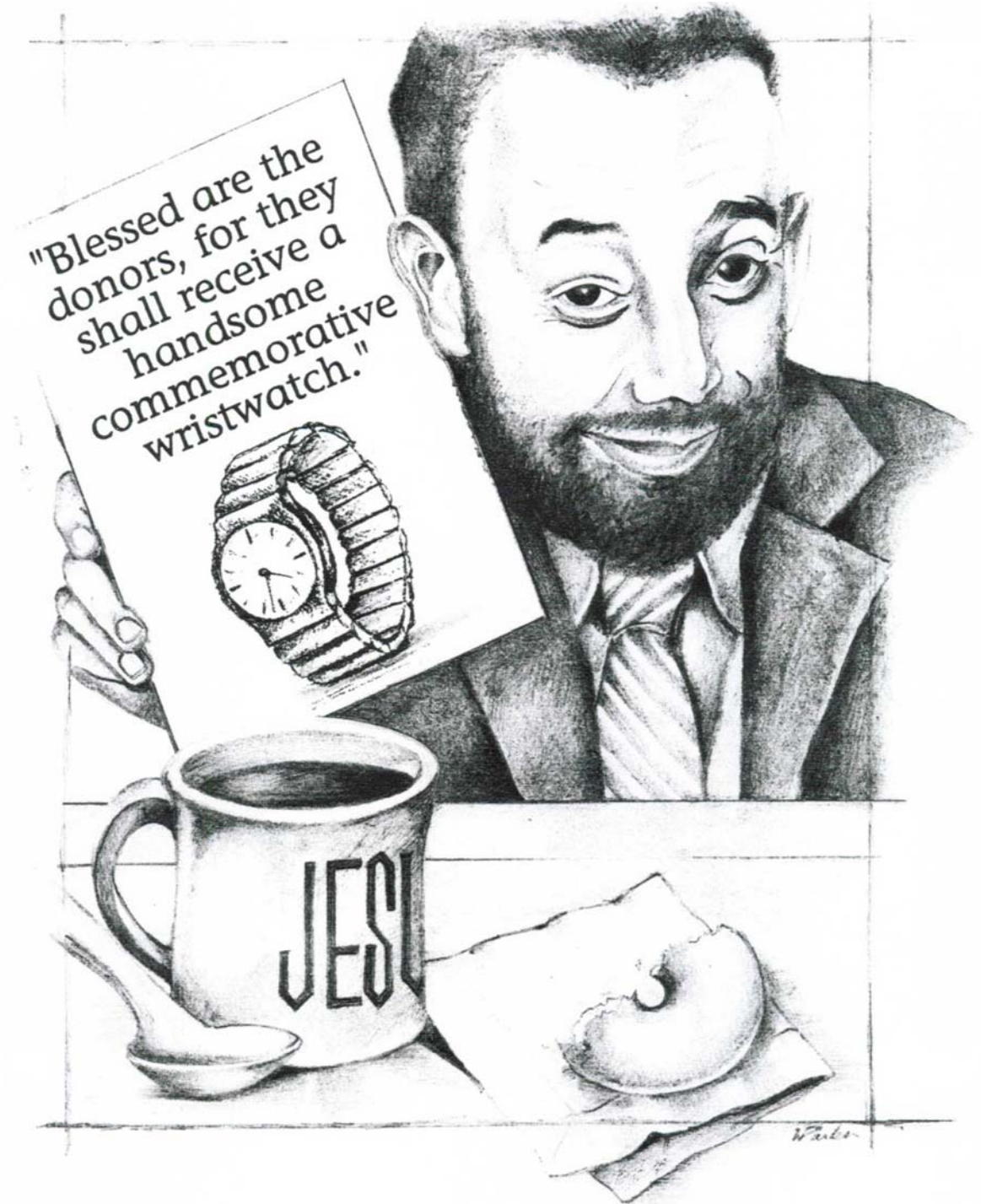


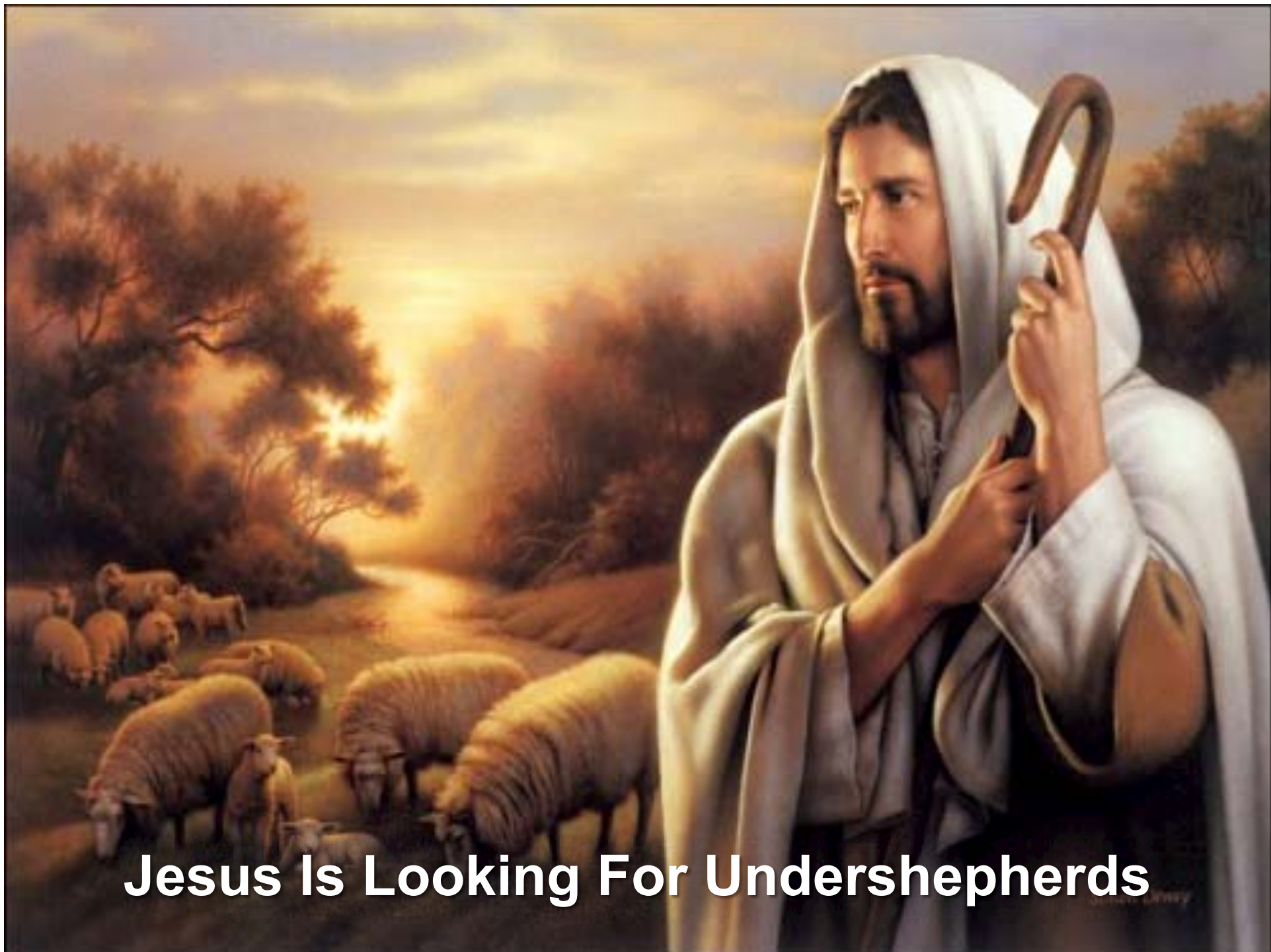
Seven Questions About Elders

Various Passages

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Jesus Is Looking For Undershepherds

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Summary: **How To Select Elders**

1. Congregation recommends elders - **Acts 6:1-4**

2. Elders make final appointment - **Acts 14:23**

- **1 Tim. 5:22**

- **Titus 1:5**

How Many Elders?

- **Scripture never states how many** - **Acts 14:23**
- **Titus 1:5**
- **Must Be Qualified** - **1 Tim. 3:1-7**
- **Titus 1:5-9**

Biblical Principle: **How Many Elders?**

1 Tim. 5:22 – the warning

. . . do not lay hands hastily

. . . do not share in the sins of others

. . . keep yourself pure

How Long Shall An Elder Serve?

- **Biblical Answer – As long as he is qualified**

- 1 Tim. 3:1-7

- Titus 1:5-9

- **Paul Echoes The Principle**

- 1 Cor. 9:20-22

What Happens If An Elder Is Disqualified?

1 Timothy 5:10-22 . . . the guiding principle

- **Accept only a legitimate accusation**

Examples of Discipline In Scripture

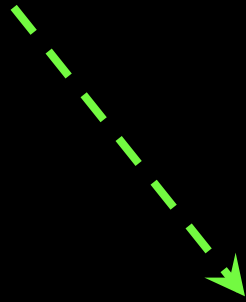
- **Jeremiah 28**
- **1 Corinthians 5**
- **Gal. 2:11-21**
- **2 Tim. 2:16-18**

Elder Disqualification Guidelines

- **Two or three witnesses required** - 1 Tim. 5:19
- **A warning is required** - 1 Tim. 5:20
- **Elder must be rebuked** - 1 Tim. 5:21
- **Objectively do this without bias** - 1 Tim. 5:22

What About The Elder Himself?

1 Timothy 3:1



... he must desire to serve!

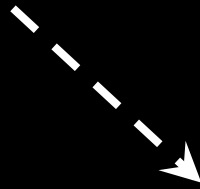
Congregation's Responsibility?

Highly loved by the congregation - **1 Thess. 5:12-13**

Some worthy of double honor - **1 Tim. 5:17**

The Elder's Reward?

1 Peter 5:4 - reward from God



**The Chief Shepherd will
give an elder the unfading
crown of glory !**

How Shall We Respond?

1. Pursue holiness
2. Dwell in the Word of God richly
3. Be Spirit Filled submit to the Spirit
4. Pray for guidance in selecting elders