



# Choosing a Shepherd

What to Know Before Adding an Elder



# Characteristics of a Shepherd

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- Above reproach
- One wife
- Sober-minded
- Self-controlled
- Respectful
- Hospitable



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- Able to teach
- Not a drunkard
- Not violent, but gentle
- Not quarrelsome
- Not overly attached to wealth
- Manages his household well



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- Children are believers
- Children are respectful
- Not a recent convert
- Respected by outsiders
- Must hold firm to the trustworthy word
- Must exercise humble servant leadership

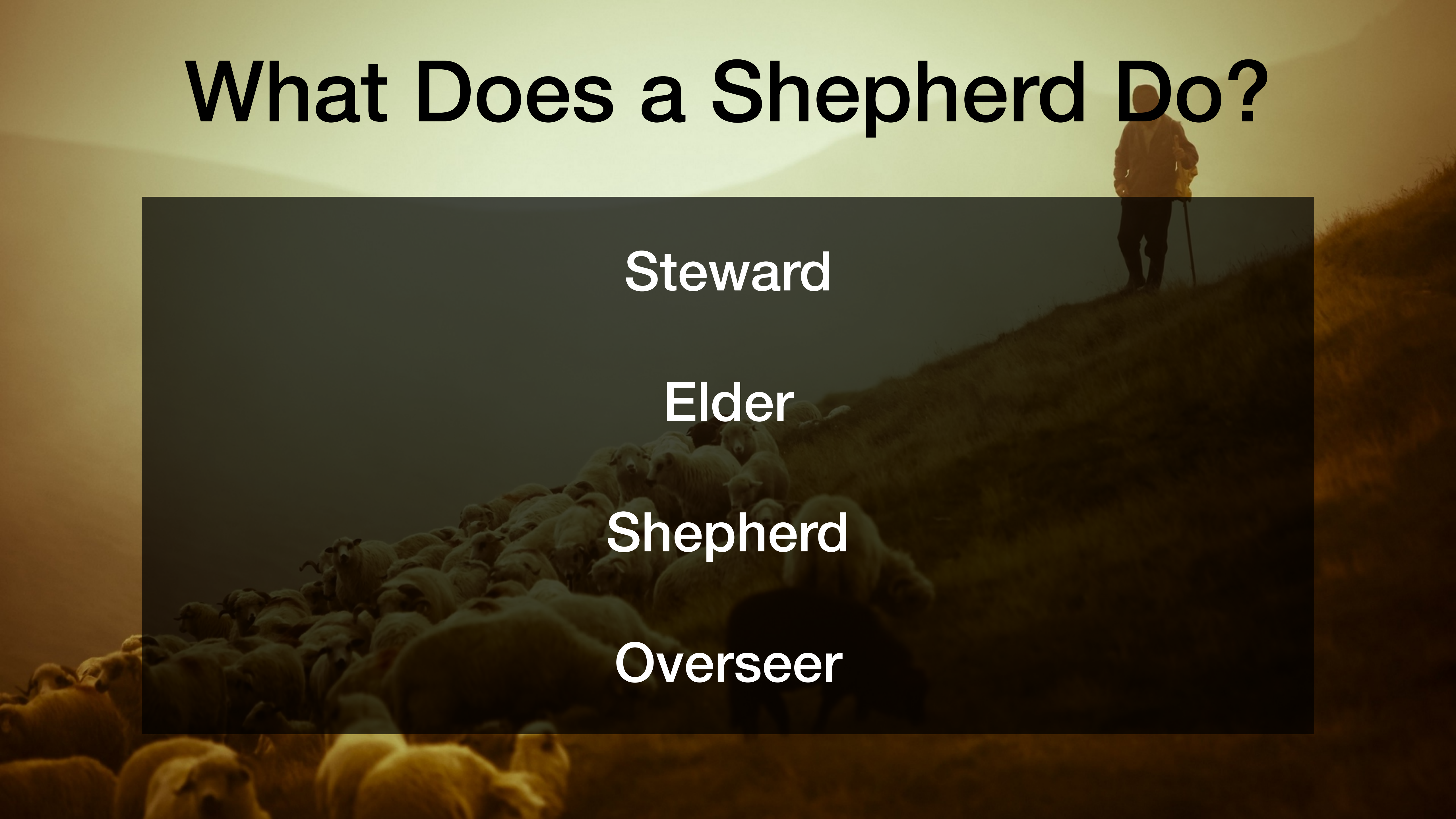


A shepherd stands on a grassy hillside, silhouetted against a hazy, mountainous landscape. Below the shepherd, a large flock of sheep is visible, moving across the field. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting sunrise or sunset. A dark, semi-transparent banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text.

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A shepherd in a yellow jacket and dark pants stands on a grassy hillside, looking over a large flock of sheep. The scene is set against a hazy, golden background, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The shepherd is holding a long staff or pole.

Steward

Elder

Shepherd

Overseer



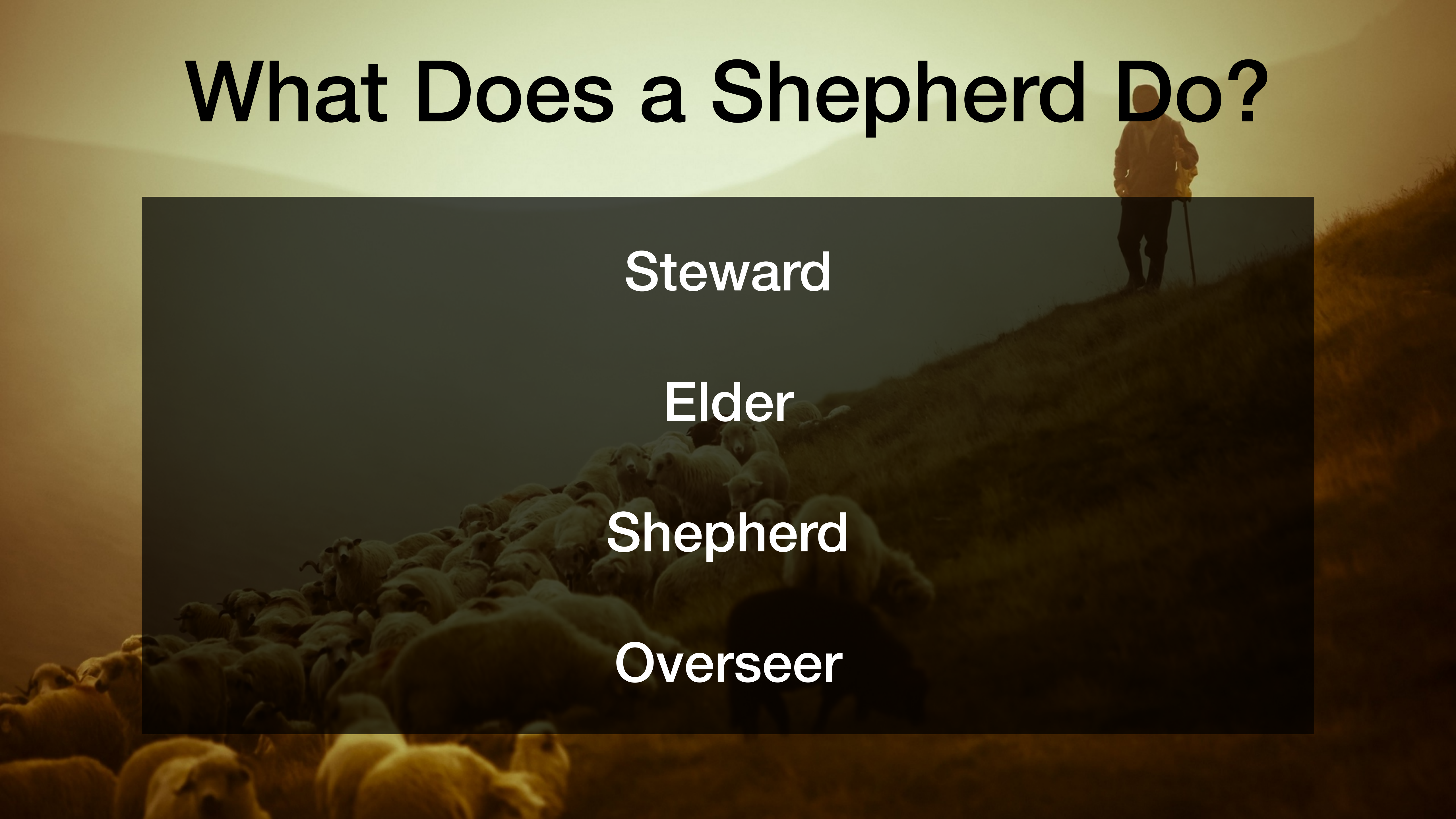
# Steward

A silhouette of a shepherd standing on a grassy hill, looking over a large flock of sheep. The scene is set against a hazy, golden background, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The shepherd is wearing a hat and holding a staff. The sheep are densely packed in the foreground and middle ground, extending towards the horizon.

- Titus 1:7 - oijkonovmoV
- These men ran a household in Greek society.
- Elders control the financial purse of the congregation.
- They ensure the work of God's family gets done.
- Elders have authority to assign tasks within the family of God.



# What Does a Shepherd Do?

A photograph of a shepherd standing on a grassy hillside, looking over a large flock of sheep. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden light. The shepherd is wearing a dark jacket and pants, and is holding a staff. The sheep are scattered across the hillside, some looking towards the camera. The background shows rolling hills under a hazy sky.

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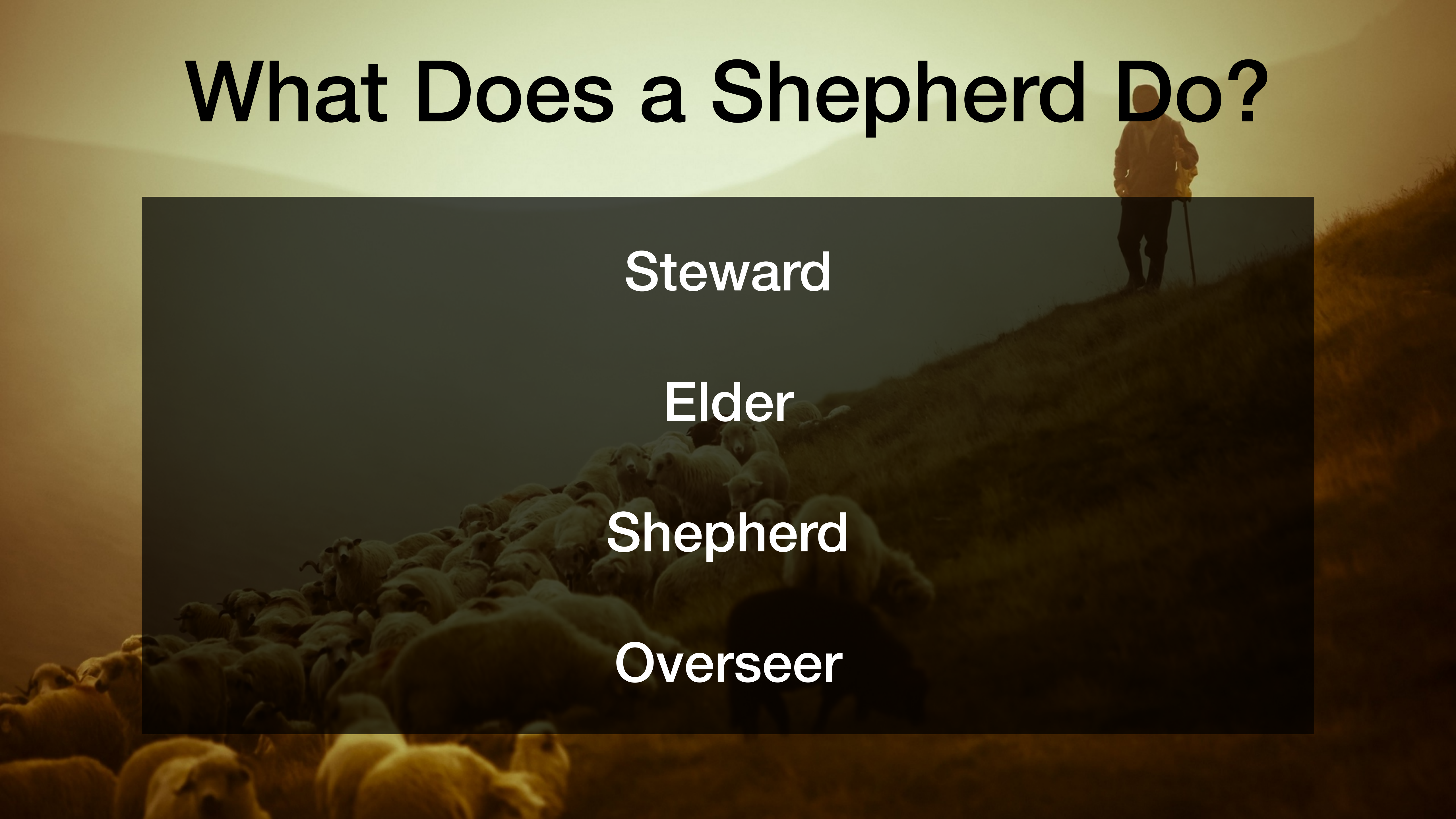
# Elder

A shepherd is silhouetted against a hazy, golden sky, standing on a grassy hillside. In the foreground, a large flock of sheep is visible, some looking towards the camera. The overall scene conveys a sense of guidance and pastoral care.

- Titus 1:5; Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1 - presbuvteroV
- Used 76 times in the New Testament.
  - 34 Times for Jewish elders.
  - 33 times for Christian elders.
- Origin of the term and office is Exodus 18.
- Elders settle disputes in the congregation (both personal and doctrinal).



# What Does a Shepherd Do?

A shepherd in a yellow jacket and dark pants stands on a grassy hillside, looking out over a large flock of sheep. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden light illuminating the landscape. The sheep are gathered on the slope, and the shepherd is positioned on the right side of the frame, holding a staff.

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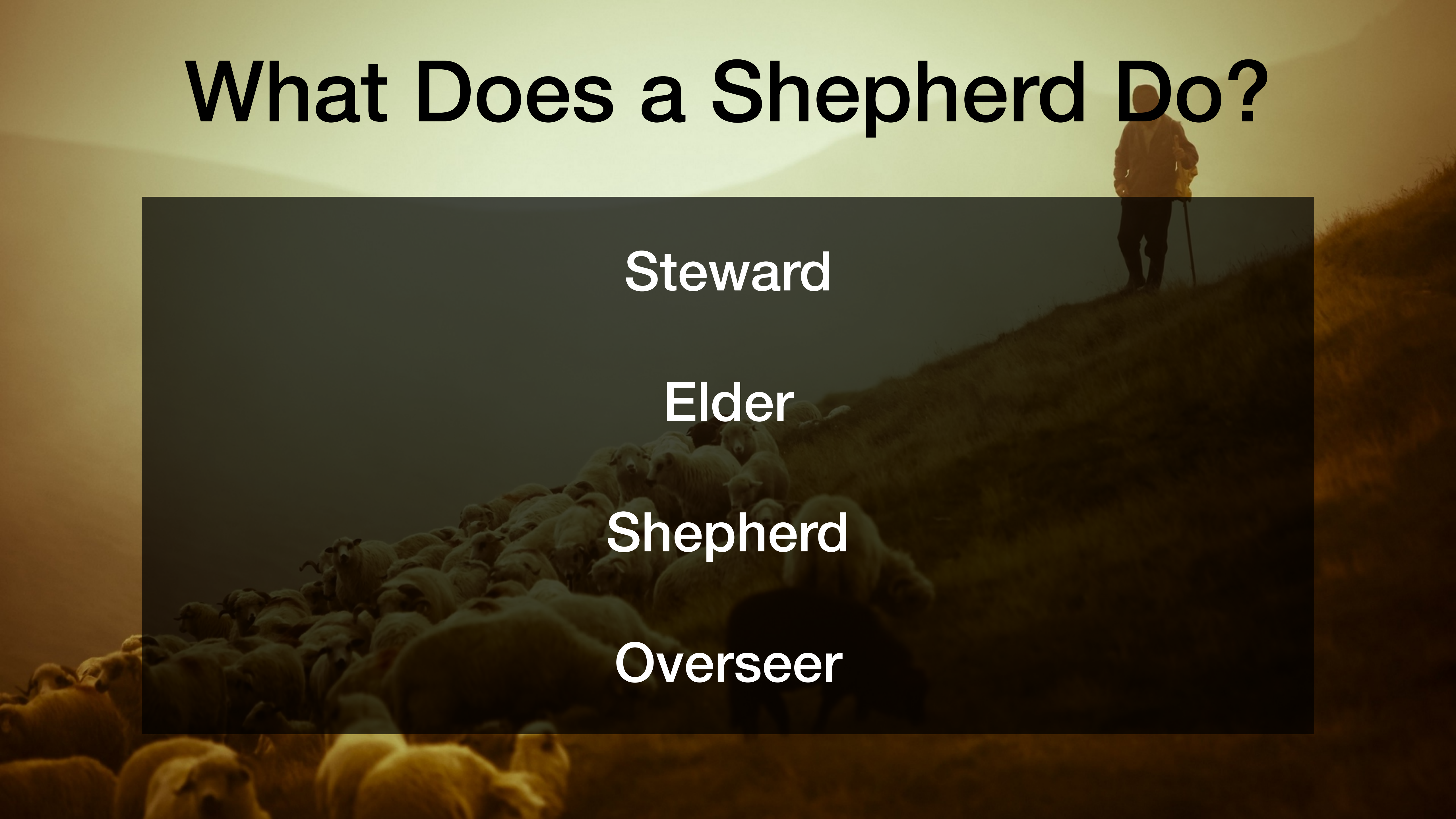
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- Ephesians 4:11; 1 Peter 5:2; Acts 20:28 - poimhvn
- They are to ensure the flock of God is fed sound teaching.
- This means that they have to know where the good food is themselves.
- This also means they have to be able to distinguish between good food (healthy teaching/sound doctrine) and bad food (false teaching/doctrine).



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A photograph of a shepherd standing on a grassy hillside, looking over a large flock of sheep. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, likely from a low sun, creating a hazy, atmospheric background. The shepherd is silhouetted against the bright sky, holding a staff. The sheep are densely packed in the foreground and middle ground, extending down the slope.

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# Overseer

A shepherd is silhouetted against a bright, hazy sky, standing on a grassy hill. Below him, a large flock of sheep is gathered on the slope. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting sunrise or sunset.

- Titus 1:7; Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2 - εἰπινοῦν
- It was used in ancient Athens to refer to the men sent into subdued states to conduct Athenian affairs.
- They watch over the flock, making sure the sheep stay in the designated pasture.
- They are authorized to rebuke us, as gently (or firmly) as needed.



A shepherd stands on a grassy hill, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape. In the foreground, a large flock of sheep is gathered, some looking towards the camera. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a soft, golden light, suggesting dawn or dusk. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

**What Does it Really Mean?**



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A shepherd in a light-colored jacket and dark pants stands on a grassy hill, looking over a large flock of sheep. The scene is set against a hazy, golden-brown background, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The shepherd is holding a long staff or pole. The sheep are densely packed in the foreground and middle ground, extending down the slope of the hill.

- They make sure we stay faithful.
- They make sure we are given the teaching required to do so.
- They give us advice when we need it.