

BIBLE TERMS AND PHRASES

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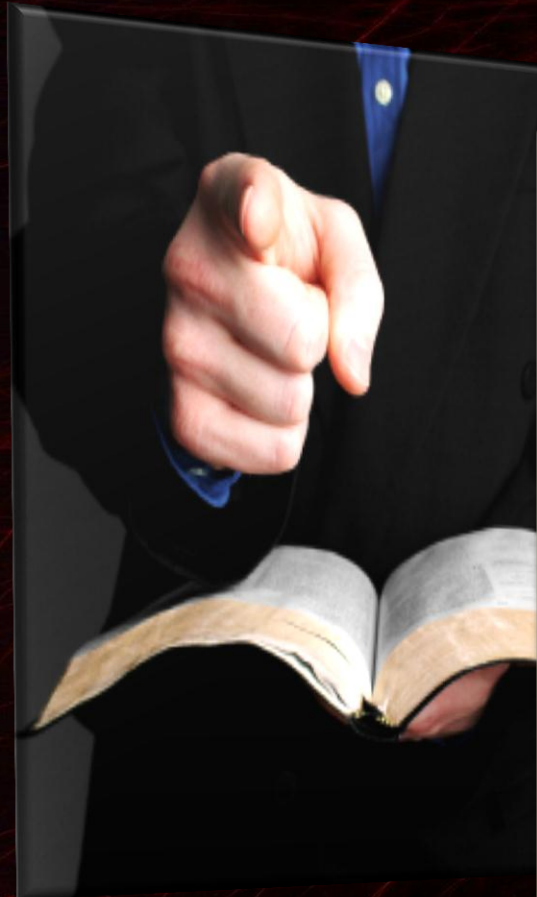
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Many say - “The Bible says what it means and means what it says!” -

- ◆ Actually the Bible means what it means.
- ◆ Must account for figurative and accommodative language –
- ◆ The importance of context – (immediate and remote / who is speaking and who is being spoken to)
- ◆ Properly defining terms – (what did the Hebrew and Greek terms mean when they were penned?)

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Every Professed Christian Who Is A False Teacher Uses The Bible!

- ◆ Their followers are often heard saying – “They teach the Bible” – “They use the Bible” -
- ◆ They very well may use Bible language – but they so often misunderstand it - misapply it – and misuse it!

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Biblical Terms Misused As Titles / Offices

- ❖ Reverend;
- ❖ Pastor,
- ❖ Elder,
- ❖ Bishop,
- ❖ Deacon;
- ❖ Priest;
- ❖ Saint;



THE TERM REVEREND

Definition of REVEREND

1 : worthy of reverence : REVERED

2 a : of or relating to the clergy - b : being a member of the clergy —used as a title
(Merriam Webster)

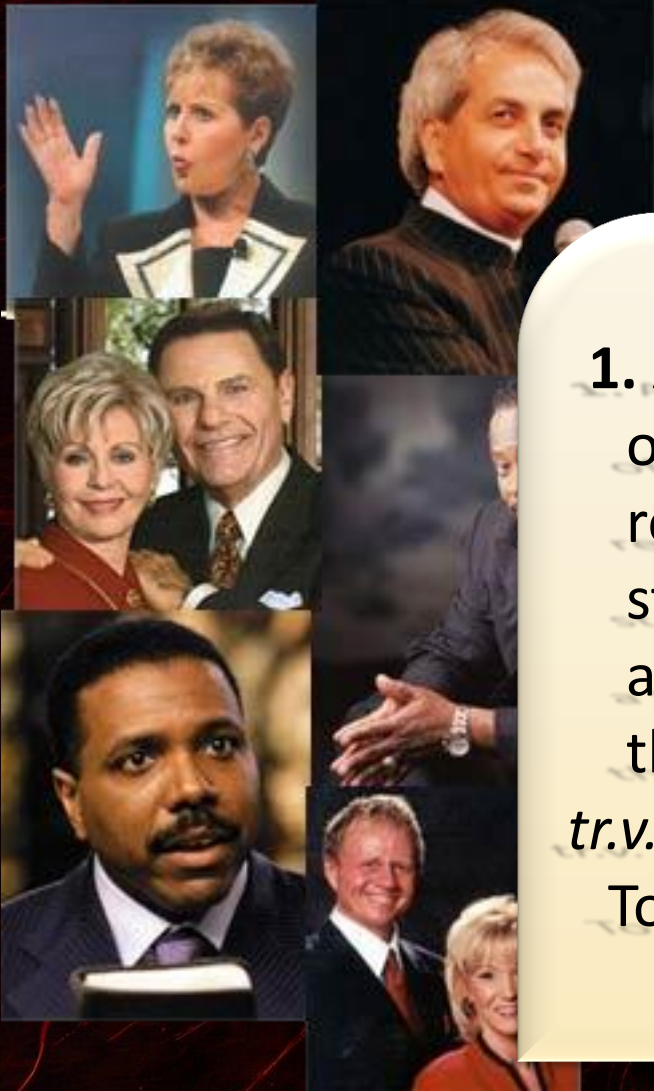
Appears **ONCE** in **KJV & ASV**

Psalm 111:9 (KJV) - (also ASV)

⁹ He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and **reverend** *is* his name.



THE TERM REVEREND



rev·er·ence (rvr-ns)*n.*

1. A feeling of profound awe and respect and often love; veneration. **2.** An act showing respect, especially a bow or curtsy. **3.** The state of being revered. **4. Reverence** Used as a form of address for certain members of the Christian clergy: *Your Reverence*.

tr.v. rev·er·enced, rev·er·enc·ing, rev·er·enc·es
To consider or treat with profound awe and respect; venerate.

THE TERM REVEREND

Violates Teaching of Jesus

Matthew 23:8-12 (NKJV)

⁸ But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren. ⁹ Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. ¹⁰ And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. ¹¹ But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. ¹² And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.



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THE TERM "PASTOR"

Pastor - Usage Number: 1 - Strong's Number: <G4166>

Original Word: ποιμήν, *poimēn*

Usage Notes: "a shepherd, one who tends herds or flocks" (not merely one who feeds them), is used metaphorically of Christian "pastors," Eph. 4:11. "Pastors" guide as well as feed the flock; cp. Acts 20:28, which, with ver. 17, indicates that this was the service committed to elders (overseers or bishops); so also in 1 Pet. 5:1, 2, "tend the flock ... exercising the oversight," RV; this involves tender care and vigilant superintendence. See SHEPHERD.

— Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words



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THE TERM "PASTOR"

Different
aspects of
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office /
individuals
Acts 20:17-32
1 Tim 3:1-7
1 Pet. 5:1-4

Pastor
Eph. 4:11



Bishop
Phili 1:1

Elder
Acts 14:23

“PASTOR / BISHOP / ELDER”

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Each emphasizing a different aspect of the work and function pertaining to the office.

- ♦ **Elder** - [presbuteros] denotes age and seasoned wisdom that belong to its experiences. Acts 20:17; 1 Pet 5:1
- ♦ **Bishop** – [episkopos] – Denotes the overseeing function – Not legislative, but leading and enforcing within the Law of God – Acts 20:28; 1 Pet 5:2; (Heb 13:7,17)
- ♦ **Pastor, shepherd** – [poimen] – Emphasizes the care, watching and feeding of the flock of God. – Act 20:28; Ep 4:11; 1 Pet 5:2

“PASTOR / BISHOP / ELDER”

Acts 20:17,28 (NKJV)

¹⁷ From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders (*πρεσβύτερος, presbyteros*), of the church. . . . ²⁸ Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, (*ἐπίσκοπος, episkopos*), to shepherd (*ποιμαίνω, poimainō*), the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

“PASTOR / BISHOP / ELDER”

1 Peter 5:1-2 (NKJV)

¹The elders (*presbuteros*), who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: ²Shepherd (*poimen*), the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, (*episkopos*),

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THE TERM "PASTOR"

Plurality of
qualified men
appointed in each
congregation

Acts 14: 23; 20:17-32

1 Tim 3:1-7

Titus 1:5-9

1 Pet. 5:1-4

Pastor
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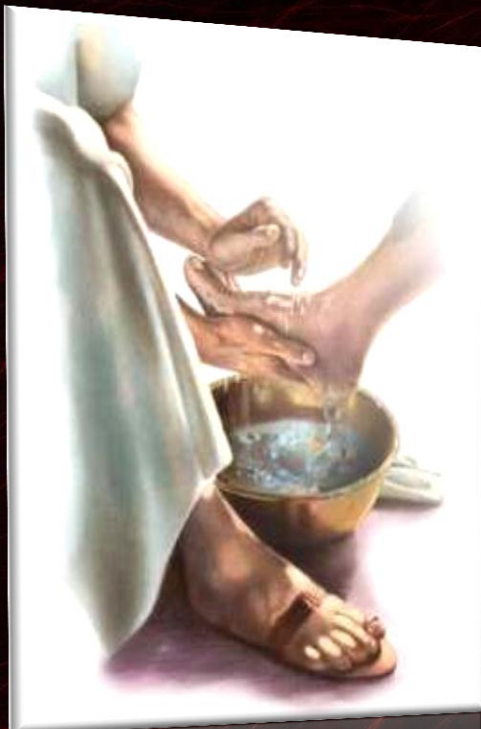
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THE TERM DEACON

Used in a general sense – Rom. 16:1 . . .

Used in a technical sense – Phili 1:1; 1 Tim 3:8-13



Greek Word: διάκονος

Transliterated Word: diakonos

Definition: a servant, minister:--

NASB Greek-Hebrew Dictionary

Deacon, from diakonos, means a servant, one carries out the instructions of another, or who attends to others' needs. It is essentially interchangeable with 'minister. The emphasis is on service.

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1 Timothy 3:8-13 (NKJV)

⁸ Likewise deacons *must be* reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, ⁹ holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. ¹⁰ But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being *found* blameless. ¹¹ Likewise *their* wives *must be* reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. ¹² Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling *their* children and their own houses well. ¹³ For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

THE TERM PRIEST

1 Peter 2:4-9 (NKJV)

⁴ Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. . . .

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

THE TERM PRIEST

Revelation 1:6 (NKJV)

⁶ and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 5:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

THE TERM SAINT

Philippians 1:1 (NKJV)

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi,

Saint - Original Word: ἅγιος, hagios—

Phili 1:1 - To all the saints (pāsi tois hagiois). The word saint (hagios) here is used for the professing Christians as in 1 Cor. 1:2 which see as well as Romans 1:7 for the origin of the word. The word "all" (pāsi) means that all individual believers are included.

Word Pictures in the New Testament

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Acts 20:17-32 (NKJV)

¹⁷ From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. ¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews;

Acts 20:17-32 (NKJV)

²⁰ how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, ²¹ testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there,

Acts 20:17-32 (NKJV)

²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. ²⁴ But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Acts 20:17-32 (NKJV)

²⁵ And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I *am* innocent of the blood of all *men*. ²⁷ For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

Acts 20:17-32 (NKJV)

²⁸ 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. ²⁹ For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

Acts 20:17-32 (NKJV)

³⁰ Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. ³¹ Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

Acts 20:17-32 (NKJV)

³² So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.