

## 2. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE

CHURCH'S \_\_\_\_\_.

*"...Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church... 'Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which He bought with His own blood.'" (Acts 20:17, 28) NIV*

*"To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder... Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers..." (1 Peter 5:1, 2) NIV*

Three terms used to describe the same church leaders:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (Poimen)
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (Presbuteros)
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ (Episcopos)

The two church offices are \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

*"To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons..." (Philippians 1:1) NIV*

The word "deacon" (*diakonos*), means \_\_\_\_\_.

*"...God is not a God of disorder but of peace... everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way." (1 Corinthians 14:33, 40) NIV*

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# Lifeway Notes

## **CHURCH GOVERNMENT**

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Another term sometimes used to describe church

"government" is the word \_\_\_\_\_.

Some churches are \_\_\_\_\_, while others

operate under a denominational \_\_\_\_\_.

### **TWO WAYS TO DETERMINE A CHURCH'S TYPE OF POLITY:**

#### **1. HOW THE CHURCH MAKES \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." (1 Timothy 5:17) NIV*

*"...the Twelve called a meeting of all the believers... 'Now look around among yourselves, brothers, and select seven men who are well respected and full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom.'"*  
(Acts 6:2, 3) NLT

*"...the apostles and the elders assembled to consider this matter... Then the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, decided to select men from among them and send them to Antioch..."*  
(Acts 15:6, 22) HCSB

Two ways most independent churches make decisions:

1) \_\_\_\_\_.

2) \_\_\_\_\_.