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had compassion for them,
because they were harassed
and helpless, like **sheep**
without a shepherd.



feed my sheep...
tend my sheep...
feed my sheep...



john 21:15-17

Orbitals



Qualified



Critical



The Most.



Important.



Thing.



We do.



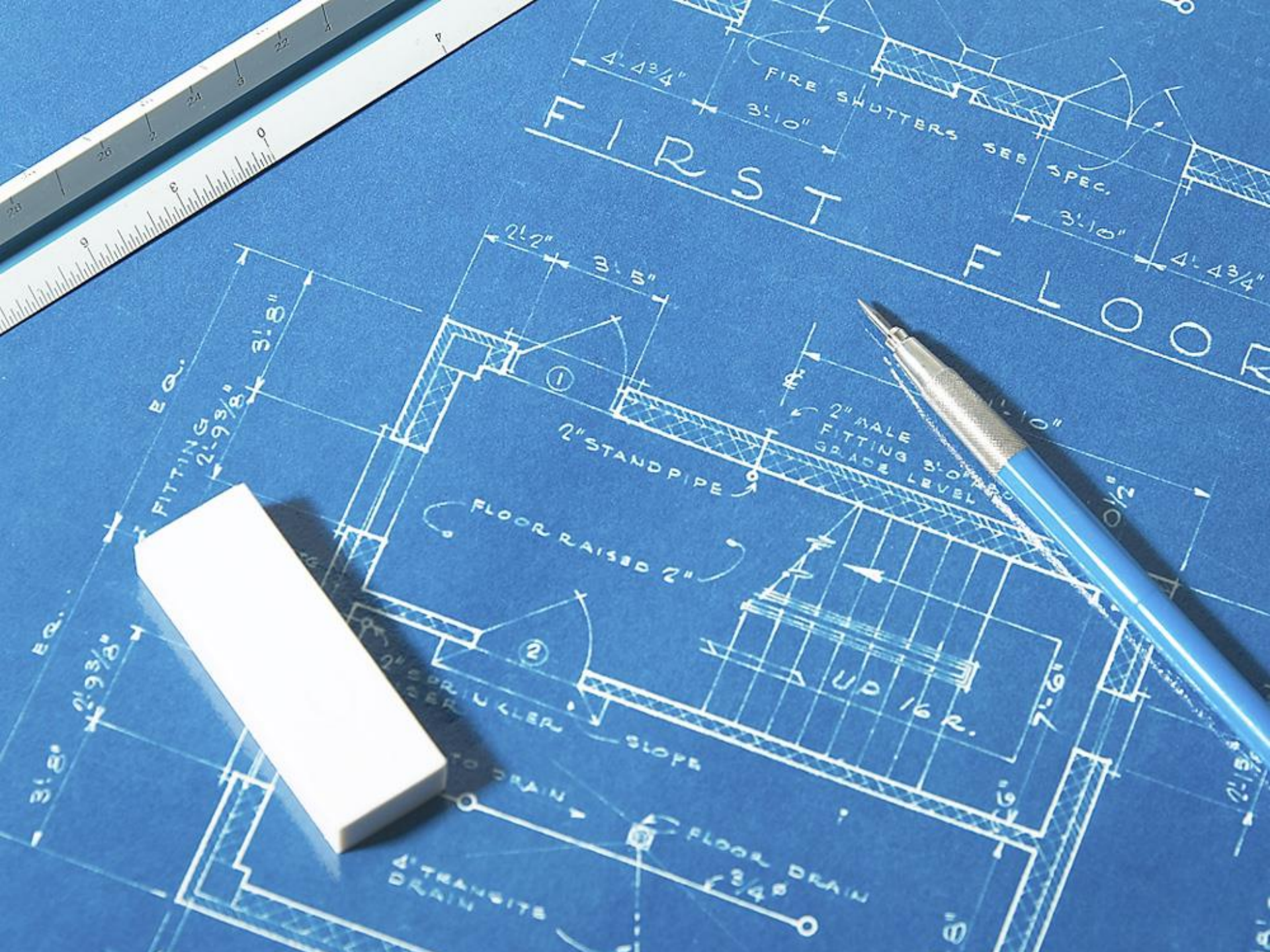
The **Lord's Shepherds**

The qualifications &
work of elders part 1



The
Government
of the Lord's church





Distinctive



Distinctive

no hierarchy



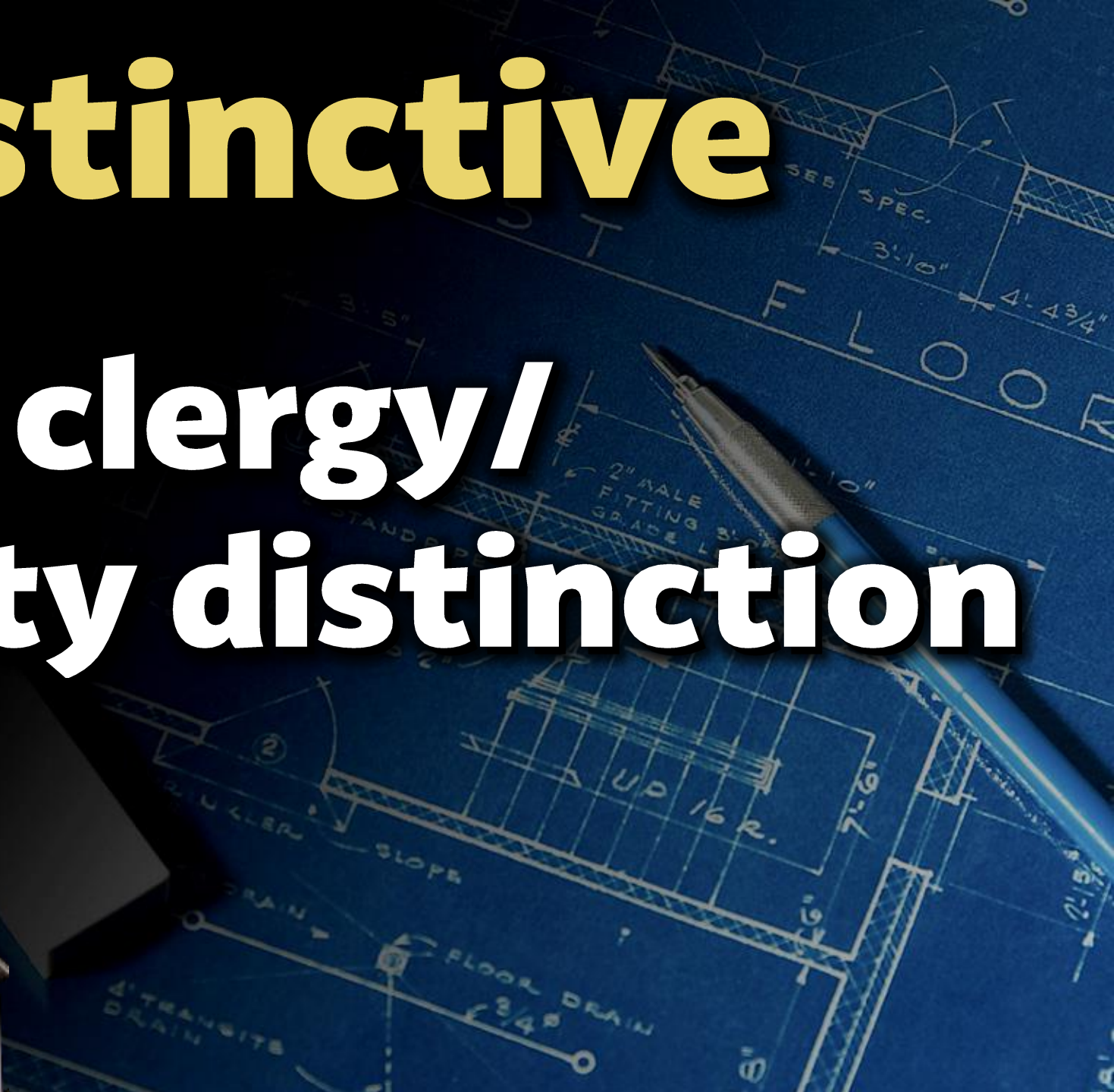
Distinctive

no separate priesthood



Distinctive

no clergy/ laity distinction



Distinctive **autonomous** **congregations**



Distinctive

men to oversee each church



And when they had **appointed elders for them in every church**, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.



acts 14:23

...so that you might put what
remained into order, and
appoint elders in every town
as I directed you.



titus 1:5

The
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The
Qualifications
of elders



1 Timothy 3

Titus 1



domestic relations
character
ability





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ability considered under
duties of elders

domestic relations

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The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of **overseer**, he desires a noble task.



1 timothy 3:1-2

Therefore an overseer must
be above reproach, the
husband of one wife...



1 timothy 3:1-2

... if anyone is above reproach,
the husband of one wife, and
his **children are believers** and
not open to the charge of
debauchery or insubordination.



titus 1:6

married men
“faithful” children



*at least
one child*

*death
does not
disqualify*

domestic relations

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Character

- ▶ without reproach
- ▶ well thought of by “outsiders”
- ▶ self-controlled
- ▶ sober-minded



Character

- ▶ orderly
- ▶ hospitable
- ▶ gentle (patient)
- ▶ lover of what is good
- ▶ just
- ▶ holy



Character

- ▶ not a drunkard
- ▶ not violent
- ▶ not quarrelsome (contentious)
- ▶ not quick-tempered
- ▶ not arrogant/self-willed
- ▶ not covetous



Maturity

- ▶ not a “recent convert”



Character

godly, Christlike men



Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep....

I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.



I came that they may have life
and have it abundantly.



john 10:10

I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down
his life for the sheep.



