

1 **Epistle Subject:,,,, 'I Am Chief Elder'**

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5 **Written To: The Apostolic Brother Who Cannot Accept Facts**

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9 Greetings to my beloved Brother and all AMA visitors in the name of Jesus  
10 Christ our soon coming King of kings and Lord of lords

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12 For this subject to be made simple before we start; let us look at the  
13 following bible scripture: [Acts 13:50](#); ***But the Jews stirred up the devout***  
14 ***and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised***  
15 ***persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their***  
16 ***coasts.*** Now we know that by bible custom and tradition the chief men of the  
17 city or community were none other than the Elders who were of good  
18 reputation. Therefore these chief men were Chief Elders of the city.

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20 [Acts 15:22](#); ***Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole***  
21 ***church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul***  
22 ***and Barnabas; [namely], Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men***  
23 ***among the brethren:*** Also we can observe here the following: If they were  
24 to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch; then these chosen men  
25 had to be apostles and elders and therefore these chief men Judas and Silas  
26 also were *Chief Elders*.

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28 Just let me declare to you without any doubt; that I Charles Ford Walker, am  
29 *Chief Elder* and Servant of the Presbytery of God; at Apostolic Ministries of  
30 America, Inc; 'A Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith'.  
31 Now, many of you out there have expressed yourselves and are shown to  
32 have a problem with this very fact , that I am *Chief Elder* and your Servant;  
33 and that is alright, I have no problem with it at all. You are asking yourself  
34 at this very moment how can this man make the statement that he has made,  
35 regarding himself as Chief Elder and at the same time not have a problem  
36 with me telling him that he is not a Chief Elder? My intent is to be in  
37 agreement and not in opposition. I can make a statement of this magnitude,  
38 because I am going to take the Holy Bible and give you an answer for the  
39 hope that is within me. So don't get all shaken out of place but, rather  
40 remain calm and give me the opportunity to explain this thing to you, which  
41 is my responsibility according to the Holy Scriptures; for in understanding  
42 we all must be on the same wavelength ([Read 1 Cor 1:10](#)) "*Now I beseech*  
43 *you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the*  
44 *same thing, and [that] there be no divisions among you; but [that] ye be*  
45 *perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment*".

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47 Now, identifying myself as Chief Elder is no different that identifying me as  
48 General Overseer; no sir not one bit different. I am an Elder by age and a  
49 member of the general assembly. Also, I am an Ordained Elder and more, by  
50 the will of God; and am a minister of the presbytery of God. Now, in all the  
51 things that I do, among those that are in fellowship with AMA, I am ‘chief’.  
52 Since I am chief in all the things that I do at AMA I am therefore recognized  
53 as Chief Elder of AMA and of God’s Presbytery.

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55 You see, here is what you must understand:

- 56 • If I were *cold* among the Elders; I would be “cold elder”
- 57 • If I were *hot* among the Elders; I would be “hot elder”
- 58 • If I were *angry* among the Elders; I would be “angry elder”
- 59 • If I were *happy* among the Elders; I would be “happy elder”
- 60 • If I were *rich* among the Elders; I would be “rich elder”
- 61 • If I were *poor* among the Elders; I would be “poor elder”
- 62 • If I am *Lazy* among the Elders; Then I am “Lazy Elder”
- 63 • If I am *Chief* among the Elders; Then I am “Chief Elder”

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65 I will explain all this in detail later in this epistle but let me remind you of  
66 some bible facts first, if you don’t mind. Howbeit, this is so simple until all  
67 men should be able to understand it. But again as it is written: **“not all men**  
68 **have this understanding”**

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70 I noticed that you are not concerned about me being call General Overseer of  
71 AMA and that is because you have been taught by your teachers and Pastors  
72 that anyone in charge of a religious organization of the Christian Faith is  
73 known as the General Overseer. All of you are fine with that and don’t have  
74 a problem with me as long as I am known as General Overseer and not Chief  
75 Elder. Now, I don’t have a problem either way; but you have a problem  
76 because you only perceive things according to how you have been taught and  
77 not according to the word of God. This is why you must submit your trust to  
78 those ministers sent by God, who will teach you, among all things knowledge  
79 and understanding.

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81 Now, let us look at some bible facts. You don’t have a problem with me and  
82 your leader being recognized as General Overseer and yet is it not mentioned  
83 a single time in the KJV Bible 1611, edition. No, not one time can you find  
84 it (General Overseer) in the whole bible, yet you are willing to call your  
85 leaders by this identity and feel justified in doing so. But you have a problem  
86 with the word ‘chief’ (that is bad doctrine) By the same token the word chief  
87 is written in the same KJV bible 338 times in 338 verses and in more than  
88 325 of them refers to a MAN; one time to women; and 3 times in the NT  
89 refers to Jesus Christ. In all of the 334 times it describes what a man is or  
90 what an object or place are. It describes what the women were; and in the  
91 remaining three (3) in the NT it tells us the essence of Jesus Christ., that is  
92 they speak of his real invariable nature as the true and only God and not just

93 what he does. Brother Bobby Woods wrote and told me that I am certainly  
94 not a Chief Elder; that I was a nobody; for I want to be equal to Christ and  
95 that Christ was the only Chief Elder. (Again this is bad doctrine) Just let me  
96 say to Bro. Woods and to those who think like him; that Elder is a name  
97 given to a Servant of God and because of their faith and long service are  
98 recognized with that special name. Jesus Christ is, was, and always will be  
99 more than just a Chief Elder or Servant of God; for he truly is the true God  
100 the only Potentate; the King of kings and Lord of lords; and that is a fact.  
101 Being recognized as Chief elder has absolutely nothing to do with comparing  
102 one with God; it really is and is only the recognition by the authority of Jesus  
103 Christ that is bestowed upon an Elder and Servant who is 'chief'. This is  
104 what Jesus said in his own words and if you fail to believe Jesus; then I  
105 cannot help you and my explaining this is in vain. (READ MATTHEW  
106 20:27) "*And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant*"  
107 (READ LUKE 22:26) ".....*but he that is greatest among you, let him be*  
108 *as the younger, and he that is chief, as he that doth serve*". (READ MARK  
109 10:43-44) "*So shall it not be among you: but whosoever shall be great*  
110 *among you, shall be your minister. And whosoever of you will be the*  
111 *chiefest, shall be servant to all.*

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113 Now, if Jesus said whosoever will be chief among you let him be your  
114 servant, then that is what I am going to believe. For more understanding let  
115 us read (2 COR 4:5) "*For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the*  
116 *Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.*" Now, let us (READ 1  
117 PETER 5:1) "*The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an*  
118 **elder**, *and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the*  
119 *glory that shall be revealed:*" Now, (READ 2 COR 11:5) "For I suppose I  
120 was not a whit behind the very **chiefest** apostles." Now listen real good,  
121 Apostle Paul said they were SERVANTS; Apostle Peter said they were  
122 ELDERS; and Paul said he also was CHIEF just like Peter and the CHIEF  
123 APOSTLES at Jerusalem; then it has to be a fact that Paul and Peter were  
124 **Chief Elders and Servants** of the Lord Jesus Christ for you, the church;  
125 because the scriptures tells us this: (READ GAL 2:8) (*For he that wrought*  
126 *effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was*  
127 *mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)128 Therefore God gave His ministers the same thing to preach to the world and  
129 the same allocated grace and truth. Giving them the ability to be CHIEF  
130 among the brethren, because they were willing to preach and teach the gospel  
131 to the world night and day, anywhere, without ceasing; Giving them the  
132 status as ELDERS because of their commitment to His word and their  
133 elevated positions in the church, always being defenders of the faith; and  
134 giving them the commandment to become SERVANTS by a willingness to  
135 forbear their greatness and taking on the spirit of humility and meekness to  
136 provide the essential services for the church. Brethren let me say that  
137 CHIEF, ELDER and SERVANT are applicable to me, Brother Charles Ford  
138 Walker; and as long as I continue to do the things that I am doing, I am Chief*

139 Elder your Servant by the will of God, and nobody can change it; not you,  
140 nor your Pastor, nor anyone that thinks as you think. That is if you think  
141 different. This is a fact and I will show you why it is a fact, just keep  
142 reading.  
143 Many of you are probably still of the opinion that you were before reading  
144 this epistle and it is without a doubt due to your understanding of the word  
145 C-H-I-E-F and how it is used in the bible. So, let us look at this thing in  
146 grater detail by examining the word C-H-I-E-F and try to arrive at an  
147 understanding as to what Jesus meant when He said: "***And whosoever will be***  
148 ***chief among you.....***". In coming to this understanding we will not only  
149 learn about this issue but we will arrive at understandings of other things  
150 which are pertinent to our salvation.

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152 The words **Chief, Chiefest, Chiefly** are the same so to speak, but when used  
153 in written or spoken format, must vary in order to make the English correct;  
154 that is the different parts of speech. Now what you have to understand that  
155 the 1611 translators (the KJV) took a total of 15 original Greek words and  
156 used the one English Language word; 'chief' and its 'variants' in the KJV  
157 translation of the New Testament. And this is why you have a problem with  
158 Chief Elder, chiefly because the level of the teaching which most have been  
159 exposed to have not gone to this level of explanation; therefore the student's  
160 understanding cannot be to that level either. For this reason all individuals in  
161 the church should only allow themselves to be taught by Apostolic Ministers  
162 that are men of God, having had their understanding opened so that they can  
163 understand the scriptures and the epistles of the Apostles.

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165 Now let us look at all 15 of these translations and arrive at an understanding.  
166 Even Strong in his not so brilliant work identified this and assigned a  
167 different identity number to each of the 15 different Greek words that were  
168 translated using the word 'chief.' In order to use this one word (chief) in the  
169 translation and not be in error and to prevent the scriptures from being  
170 broken, the writers used it as four different parts of the speech thereby  
171 arriving at a meaning which was compatible with the original Greek words.  
172 Is not the Holy Ghost so wonderful the way it does things to keep order?  
173 This eliminated error in translation but increased the level of difficulty in  
174 understanding. And this is why there is disagreement and misunderstanding  
175 concerning 'chief elder'. To close out this epistle let us look at these greek  
176 words as the one English word ; the figure of speech, the fifteen different  
177 Greek words and their meaning.

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179 **Chief, Chiefest, Chiefly:**  
180 **A-1 Adjective Strong's Number: 4413 Greek:** *protos* denotes "the first,"  
181 whether in time or place. It is translated "chief" in [Mar 6:21](#), RV, of men of  
182 Galilee; in [Act 13:50](#), of men in a city; in [Act 28:7](#), of the "chief" man in the  
183 island of Melita; in [Act 17:4](#), of "chief" women in a city; in [Act 28:17](#), of  
184 Jews; in [1Ti 1:15](#),16, of a sinner. In the following, where the AV has "chief,"  
185 or "chiefest," the RV renderings are different: [Mat 20:27](#); [Mar 10:44](#), "first;"

186 [Luk 19:47](#); [Act 25:2](#), "principal men;" [Act 16:12](#), said of Philippi, "the first  
187 (city) of the district," RV, for incorrect AV, "the chief city of that part of  
188 Macedonia." Amphipolis was the "chief" city of that part. Protos here must  
189 mean the first in the direction in which the Apostle came. See [BEGINNING](#),  
190 [BEFORE](#), [BEST](#), [FIRST](#), [FORMER](#).

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192 **N-1 Noun Strong's Number: 2774 Greek:** *kephalaion* akin to the adjective  
193 *kephalaios*, "belonging to the head," and *kephale*, "the head," denotes the  
194 chief point or principal thing in a subject, [Hbr 8:1](#), "the chief point is this"  
195 (AV, "the sum"); elsewhere in [Act 22:28](#) (of principal, as to money), "(a  
196 great) sum." See [SUM](#). \*Certain compound nouns involving the significance  
197 of chief, are as follows:

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199 **N-2 Noun Strong's Number: 749 Greek:** *archiereus* a chief priest, high  
200 priest" (*arche*, "first," *hierous*, "a priest"), is frequent in the Gospels, Acts and  
201 Hebrews, but there only in the NT. It is used of Christ e.g. in [Hbr 2:17](#); 3:1;  
202 of "chief" priests, including ex-high-priests and members of their families,  
203 e.g., [Mat 2:4](#); [Mar 8:31](#).

204 **N-3 Noun Strong's Number: 750 Greek:** *archipoimen* "a chief shepherd"  
205 (*arche*, "chief," *poimen*, "a shepherd"), is said of Christ only, [1Pe 5:4](#).  
206 Modern Greeks use it of tribal chiefs.

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208 **N-4 Noun Strong's Number: 754 Greek:** *architelones* denotes "a chief tax-  
209 collector, or publican," [Luk 19:2](#).

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211 **N-5 Noun Strong's Number: 204 Greek:** *akrogoniaios* denotes "a chief  
212 corner-stone" (from *akros*, "highest, extreme," *gonia*, "a corner, angle"), [Eph](#)  
213 [2:20](#) and [1Pe 2:6](#). In the Sept., [Isa 28:16](#)

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215 **N-6 Noun Strong's Number: 4410 Greek:** *protokathedria* "a sitting in the  
216 first or chief seat" (*protos*, "first," *kathedra*, "a seat"), is found in [Mat 23:6](#);  
217 [Mar 12:39](#); [Luk 11:43](#); 20:46.

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219 **N-7 Noun Strong's Number: 4411 Greek:** *protoklisia* "the first reclining  
220 place, the chief place at table" (from *protos*, and *klisia*, "a company reclining  
221 at a meal;" cp. *klino*, "to incline"), is found in [Mat 23:6](#); [Mar 12:39](#) (as with  
222 No. 6); [Luk 14:7,8](#); 20:46

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224 **N-8 Noun Strong's Number: 5506 Greek:** *chiliarchos* denotes "a chief  
225 captain:" SEE CAPTAIN, No 1.

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227 **N-9 Noun Strong's Number: 775 Greek:** *asiarches* "an Asiarch," was one  
228 of certain officers elected by various cities in the province of Asia, whose  
229 function consisted in celebrating, partly at their own expense, the public  
230 games and festivals; in [Act 19:31](#), RV, the word is translated "chief officers  
231 of Asia" (AV, "chief of Asia"). It seems probable, according to Prof.

232 Ramsay, that they were "the high priests of the temples of the Imperial  
233 worship in various cities of Asia;" further, that "the Council of the Asiarchs  
234 sat at stated periods in the great cities alternately ... and were probably  
235 assembled at Ephesus for such a purpose when they sent advice to St. Paul to  
236 consult his safety." A festival would have brought great crowds to the city.

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238 **N-10 Noun Strong's Number: 758 Greek: archon** "a ruler," is rendered  
239 "chief" in the AV of [Luk 14:1](#) (RV, "ruler"); "chief rulers," in [Jhn 12:42](#), RV,  
240 "rulers (of the people)," i.e., of members of the Sanhedrin; "chief," in [Luk](#)  
241 [11:15](#) (RV, "prince") in reference to Beelzebub, the prince of demons. SEE  
242 MAGISTRATE, PRINCE, RULER.

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244 **N-11 Noun Strong's Number: 752 Greek: archisunagogos** "a ruler of a  
245 synagogue," translated "chief ruler of the synagogue," in [Act 18:8,17](#), AV,  
246 was the administrative officer supervising the worship.

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248 **V-1 Verb Strong's Number: 2233 Greek: hegeomai** "to lead the way, to  
249 preside, rule, be the chief," is used of the ambition "to be chief" among the  
250 disciples of Christ, [Mat 20:27](#); [Luk 22:26](#); of Paul as the "chief" speaker in  
251 Gospel testimony at Lystra, [Act 14:12](#); of Judas and Silas, as chief (or rather,  
252 "leading") men among the brethren at Jerusalem, [Act 15:22](#). See [ACCOUNT](#),  
253 [COUNT](#), [ESTEEM](#), [GOVERNOR](#), [JUDGE](#), [SUPPOSE](#), [THINK](#).

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255 **AV-1 Adverb Strong's Number: 5528 3029 Greek: hyperlian** "chiefest"  
256 (hyper, "over," lian, "exceedingly, pre-eminently, very much"), is used in [2Cr](#)  
257 [11:5](#); 12:11, of Paul's place among the Apostles.

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259 **AV-2 Adverb Strong's Number: 3122 Greek: malista** the superlative of  
260 mala, "very, very much," is rendered "chiefly" in [2Pe 2:10](#) and in the AV of  
261 [Phl 4:22](#) (RV, "especially"). See [ESPECIALLY MOST](#). Note: In [Rom 3:2](#),  
262 RV, the adverb proton is translated "first of all" (AV, "chiefly").

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264 I have added Strong's Numbers and used Vine's Definitions to enable you to  
265 follow with less difficulty. For those of you who insist on using the KJV  
266 RV, I have included The changes that have been added so that when you  
267 examine them, you will understand why the Apostolics should use only the  
268 AV for teaching and other ministerial works.

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270 Now when you look at the word 'CHIEF' in [Mat. 20:27](#) and [Luke 22:26](#), you  
271 are actually looking at the translated Greek word '*hegeomai*' which means  
272 "to lead the way, to preside, rule, be the chief," These meanings are all  
273 expressing action and it is for this reason that the word 'CHIEF' is used as a  
274 VERB and not as a NOUN in these passages, which enables the translation to  
275 remain the same when English replaces Greek. This my friend is the work of  
276 the Holy Ghost, preventing the word of God from being in error and again,  
277 preventing the scriptures from being broken. Let us give the Holy Ghost a

278 high praise; for, because of its inspiring force the 1611 Translators were able  
279 to find the right words and using the correct figure of speech; did continue to  
280 make God's word error free. Other bible translators have not been able to do  
281 this; in that God's Holy Spirit is not with them; as the perfection of God  
282 never requires a redo. Now, as long as I continue to Lead the way, giving the  
283 truth of God to the saints; Continue to preside in the House of God;  
284 Continue to give all of what I own for the gospel's sake; Continue to rule and  
285 continue to work night and day for the gospel's sake in God's Presbytery and  
286 in Apostolic Ministries of America, Inc."A Church of the Lord Jesus Christ  
287 of the Apostolic Faith" I AM CHIEF ELDER!!!!!!!!!! CASE  
288 CLOSED!!!!!!!!!!!!

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290 If you still fell uncomfortable about me being Chief Elder; Don't fret and  
291 don't worry too much about it. Just call me Brother Charles, which is what  
292 people around the world call me. And to be honest with you; being called  
293 your **BROTHER** means more to me that all the descriptions and/or titles I am  
294 entitled to. After all, I have feelings too.

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296 God bless you real good,

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298 Brother Charles  
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300 P.S. Just Remember the words of our beloved Brother and Apostle; Paul:  
301 [Eph. 3:3-5](#): "*How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as*  
302 *I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my*  
303 *knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made*  
304 *known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and*  
305 *prophets by the Spirit;*"