

“This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in word and doctrine”

1 Timothy 3:1; 5:17 *(1363 / 1364)*



ELDERS



This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desires a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that rules well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (1363)

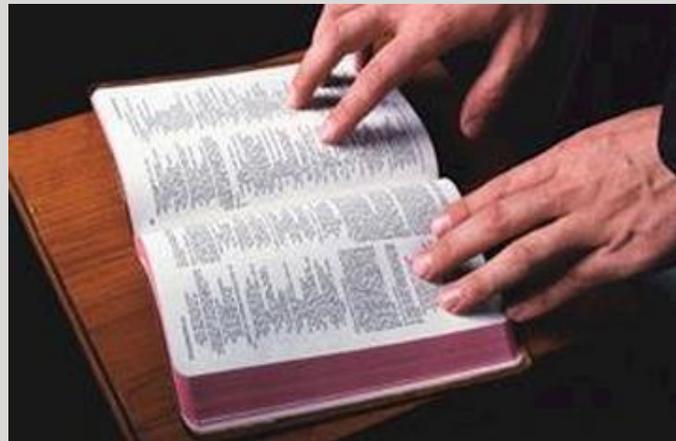
(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (1363)

If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

Titus 1:6-8 (1369)

WHAT SETS THE MAN SEEKING THE OFFICE OF AN ELDER APART



THE ELDER

Blameless; Without Reproach

- "Not apprehended, that cannot be laid hold of; no evil charge can be sustained.

To live in such a way that no charge of guilt can be proved against one

Temperate; Vigilant; Self-Controlled

- Sober, abstinent; watchful

Ever on the watch, as sober men alone can be; keenly alive, so as to foresee what ought to be done.

THE ELDER

Sober-Minded; Prudent

- *Sound mind or sensible; calm, even tempered, cautious, wise.*

Stable enough mentally to make sound decisions

Orderly; Of Good Behavior

- *Decent conduct*

His conduct in business, home, recreation, dress, manners demonstrate modesty and propriety

THE ELDER

Hospitable

- *Lover of strangers; ready to receive into his house and relieve strangers*

Cordially receives guests in order to supply their needs;

Able to teach; Exhort; Convict

- *A teacher*

A shepherd must feed the flock; be a guardian of the faith; instruct believers and convict the gainsayers.

THE ELDER

Not given to wine

- *Exercises control over wine*

One whose reputation and mind are free from influences of evil or intoxication

No striker; not pugnacious; not violent

- *Ready for a blow; contentious or quarrelsome person*

Ungoverned in temper, ready to resent insult or wrong; persecutor of those who may differ with him

THE ELDER

Not greedy of filthy lucre; covetous

- *Not loving money; free from the love of
Far removed from making acquisition of
earthly possessions his chief goal in life*

Gentle; patient; mild

- *Equitable, fair, moderate, forbearing
Patiently bears all reproaches; patient
towards all men.*

THE ELDER

Not a brawler; not contentious

- *Abstaining from fighting*

*Should not be a man given to contention
or apt to take up a quarrel*

Not a novice

- *Newly planted, new convert*

*Peril of young convert placed in position
of prominence and power is that of pride*

THE ELDER

Good report from without

- *Record, testimony, witness, reputation*

Have an established character which speaks well for the church among the unconverted

Not self-willed

- *Self-pleasing; arrogant*

He must not be of such a stubborn spirit he clings to his own will and refuses to listen to reason or facts

THE ELDER

Not soon angry; quick-tempered

- *Prone to anger; irascible*

Not be soon or easily provoked and inflamed.

Holy, saintly, religious man

- *Undefined by sin, free from wickedness*

A devout man toward God, living soberly, righteously and godly in the world; reverences and worships God.

THE ELDER

Just; upright

- *Said of Joseph, Mary, Cornelius*

Righteous in his dealings with men, giving to everyone their due.

Lover of good men; of good

- *Fond of good; promoter of virtue*

If he does not love the souls of men, he will not naturally care for their state; a large heart which finds room for sympathy with all that is good and noble

THE ELDER

Hold faithful word to teach

- *Adhere to sound doctrine*

*Solid foundation in the doctrine of the
word of God;*

Desires the office of a Bishop

- *Wants to do the work, for it is work!*

*Serving with a willing mind and eager
heart to endure the hardship, receive the
joy and do the work*

THE ELDER

A Husband of one wife

- *Rules out polygamist and single men*

*A man in a lawful marriage constitutes
the husband of one wife*

A Father

- *Ruling his own house well; having
faithful children not accused of
dissipation or insubordination*

*Exercising influence over his children to
bring them to Christ*

ELDER

- Not given to wine
- Not a brawler
- Not a striker
- Not greedy
- Not a novice
- Not covetous
- Not soon angry
- Not self-willed
- Blameless
- Vigilant
- Temperate
- Hospitable
- Apt to teach
- Good report
- Good behavior
- Lover of good
- Sober
- Holy
- Just
- Patient
- Husband
- Father

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Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

Acts 2:38-39 (1254)

