

BIBLICAL QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ELDER

A. DESIRE

1. Spirit-Given desire
2. Personal desire
3. Obedient desire

B. MORAL AND SPIRITUAL CHARACTERISTICS

1. “Being examples to the flock” ([1 Peter 5:3](#))
2. “Not greedy for gain” ([Titus 1:7](#))
3. “Upright” ([Titus 1:8](#))
4. “Above reproach” ([1 Tim. 3:2](#), [Titus 1:6](#))
5. “Hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught” ([Titus 1:9](#))
6. “Holy” ([Titus 1:8](#))

C. REPUTATION

1. “Above reproach” ([1 Tim. 3:2](#), [Titus 1:6](#))
2. “Respectable” ([1 Tim. 3:2](#))
3. “Well thought of by outsiders” ([1 Tim. 3:7](#))

D. FAMILY LIFE

1. “Husband of one wife” ([1 Tim 3:2](#), [Titus 1:6](#))
2. “Manage his own household well” ([1 Tim 3:4](#))
3. “His children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination” ([Titus 1:6](#))

E. PERSONAL

1. “Sober-minded” ([1 Tim 3:2](#))
2. “Lover of what is good”
3. “Not recent convert”
4. “Disciplined” ([Titus 1:8](#))
5. “Not a drunkard” ([1 Tim. 3:3](#))
6. “Self-Controlled” ([Titus 1:8](#))

F. RELATIONAL

1. “Not quick tempered” ([Titus 1:7](#))
2. “Not quarrelsome” ([1 Tim. 3:3](#))
3. “Not arrogant” ([Titus 1:7](#)) (NASB: “self-willed”)
4. “Gentle” ([1 Tim. 3:3](#))
5. “Upright” ([Titus 1:8](#))
6. “Hospitable”

G. ABILITY TO TEACH, REBUKE AND PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

Elder must:

1. “be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it” ([Titus 1:9](#))
2. “able to teach” ([1 Tim. 3:3](#))

