

Elders

1Peter 5:1-4

What is an Elder?

Presbyter/Elder - **1Peter 5:1**

Overseer/Bishop - **Philippians 1:1; Acts 20:28**

Pastor/Shepherd - **1Peter 5:2-3; Ephesians 4:11**

Demonstrate Ability

Good Work - Not a figurehead, workman - **1Timothy 3:1-7; Acts 20:28**

We can only know man as we see him demonstrate himself in action

Must - Not suggestions, requirements

All these qualities must be considered - **Titus 1:6-9**

Must be present and prominent in a man's life before can be appointed as an elder - **Acts 14:23**

Saintly Character

Negative

Not given to wine – drunken - **Ephesians 5:18; 1Corinthians 6:9-10**

No striker – bruiser, ready for blow; pugnacious, contentious, quarrelsome - **Matthew 5:38-39**

Not a brawler – not withstood, invincible; not contentious; abstaining from fighting - **Titus 3:2**

Not greedy of filthy lucre – eager for base gain, greedy for money - **1Timothy 6:9-10**

Not covetous – not loving money - **Titus 2:7-8; Titus 2:12; Hebrews 13:5**

Not self-willed – self-pleasing, self-willed, arrogant - **Philippians 2:3**

Not soon angry – prone to anger - **Colossians 3:8**

Positive

Blameless – not apprehended, that cannot be laid hold of; that cannot be reprehended, not open to censure, irreproachable - **1Timothy 5:7; 1Corinthians 1:8**

Vigilant – sober, temperate, focus, watchful, steadfast - **1Peter 4:7; 1Thessalonians 5:6**

Sober – of a sound mind, sane, in one's senses; curbing one's desires and impulses, self-controlled, temperate - **Titus 2:12**

Temperate – strong, robust; having power over, possessed of; mastering, controlling, curbing, restraining; controlling oneself, temperate, continent - **2Peter 1:6**

Patient – seemingly, suitable; equitable, fair, mild, gentle - **Titus 3:2**

Good behavior – well arranged, seemly, modest - **Matthew 5:16**

Lover of hospitality – hospitable, generous to guests - **Romans 12:13**

Lover of good men – loving goodness - **Romans 12:9**

Just – righteous, observing divine laws; in a wide sense, upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God; in a narrower sense, rendering to each his due and that in a judicial sense, passing just judgment on others, whether expressed in words or shown by the manner of dealing with them - **1Timothy 5:21**

Holy – undefiled by sin, free from wickedness, religiously observing every moral obligation, pure holy, pious - **1Peter 1:15-16; 1Timothy 2:8**

Leadership Quality

Ability

Man - Women do not qualify

Apt to teach – apt and skillful in teaching - **2Timothy 2:24; Hebrews 5:12**

Exhort, convince by sound doctrine (faithful word) – Reprove, rebuke, exhort - **Ephesians 4:14-15; Hebrews 13:9**

Desire to serve – to stretch oneself out to touch or to grasp something, to reach after or desire something - **2Corinthians 8:12**

Not lords over – to bring under one's power, to subject oneself, to subdue, master; to hold in subjection, to be master of, exercise lordship over - **1Peter 5:5; Philippians 2:3**

Reputation

Good report with them without – Well thought of by people outside - **Titus 2:7-8; Hebrews 13:5**

Not a novice – newly planted; a new convert - **2Peter 3:18**

Must be proved – to test, examine, prove, scrutinize; to recognize as genuine after examination, to approve, deem worthy - **2Corinthians 13:5**

Home

Husband of one wife – Man married to only one woman

Rules own house well – Leader of the household - **Ephesians 5:22-23**

Children in subjection – the act of subjecting; obedience, subjection

Faithful (believing) Children – Obedient to God - **Ephesians 6:1-4**

Elder Material?

Desires a good work - **1Timothy 3:1**

Christian Qualities or Elder Qualities?

What can you do to change? - **2Peter 3:18**

May not desire work of Elder

Still must Grow - **1Peter 2:2**

Ever reaching further in service to God - **1Corinthians 15:58**

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