

When the Bible Talks About Elders... (2)

“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope...” (1:1)

“Therefore an overseer must be...” (3:2):

GENERAL QUALITIES

- A man (*1 Tim 3:1; Tit 1:6*)
- A willing desire to serve (*1 Tim 3:1; 1 Pet 5:2*)

QUALITIES AS A SHEPHERD OF THE FLOCK (*Acts 20:28; 1 Pet 5:2*)

- Able to teach (*1 Tim 3:2*)
- Sober-minded and self-controlled (*1 Tim 3:2; Tit 1:8*)
- Holding firm to the trustworthy word as taught (*Tit 1:9-11*)

QUALITIES AS AN OVERSEER (*1 Tim 5:17; Heb 13:17*)

- The husband of one wife (*1 Tim 3:2; Tit 1:6*)
- Managing his own household well (*1 Tim 3:4-5; Tit 1:6*)
- Gentle (*1 Tim 3:3*)
- Not quarrelsome (*1 Tim 3:3*)
- Not a recent convert (*1 Tim 3:6*)
- Not arrogant (*Tit 1:7*)
- Not quick-tempered (*Tit 1:7*)
- Not domineering over those in their charge (*1 Pet 5:3*)

QUALITIES AS AN EXAMPLE TO THE FLOCK (*1 Pet 5:3*)

- Above reproach (*1 Tim 3:2*)
- Respectable (*1 Tim 3:2*)
- Hospitable (*1 Tim 3:2; Tit 1:8*)
- Not a drunkard (*1 Tim 3:3; Tit 1:7*)
- Not violent (*1 Tim 3:3; Tit 1:7*)
- Not a lover of money or greedy for shameful gain (*1 Tim 3:3; Tit 1:7; 1 Pet 5:2*)
- Well thought of by outsiders (*1 Tim 3:7*)
- A lover of good (*Tit 1:8*)
- Upright (*Tit 1:8*)
- Holy (*Tit 1:8*)
- Disciplined (*Tit 1:8*)