

QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ELDER

If a man desire the office of a bishop,
he desireth a good work: 1 Tim. 3:1

OVERSEER or BISHOP; ELDER or PRESBYTER;
PASTOR or SHEPHERD AS A FEEDER:
(Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2)

1. Apt to teach: 1 Tim. 3:2
2. Sober-minded: 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8
3. Holds fast the faithful word:
Titus 1:9-11

AS A RULER: (Rom. 12:8; 1 Thess. 5:12;
1 Tim. 5:17; Hebrews 13:7, 17)

1. Husband of one wife: 1 Tim. 3:2; Tit. 1:6
2. Rules well his house: 1 Tim. 3:4
3. Has children in subjection: 1 Tim. 3:4
4. Faithful children or children that
believe: Titus 1:6 (Acts 5:14)
5. Vigilant: 1 T. 3:2; Heb. 13:17; Ax. 20:28-31
6. Patient or gentle: 1 Tim. 3:3
7. Not a brawler or not contentious: 1 T. 3:3
8. Not a novice: 1 Tim. 3:6; Acts 20:28-31
9. Not soon angry: Titus 1:7
10. Not self-willed: Titus 1:7
11. Just: Titus 1:8
12. Temperate or self-controlled: Tit. 1:8
13. Not being lords over God's heritage, but
being ensamples to the flock: 1 Pet. 5:3

AS EXAMPLES TO THE FLOCK: (1 Pet. 5:3)

1. Blameless or without reproach: 1 Tim. 3:2
2. Of good behaviour, orderly: 1 Tim. 3:2
3. Given to or lover of hospitality:
1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8
4. Not given to wine: 1 Tim. 3:3; Tit. 1:7
5. No striker: 1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7
6. Not greedy of filthy lucre or
no lover of money: 1 Tim. 3:3; Tit. 1:7
7. Not covetous: 1 Tim. 3:3
8. Must have a good report: 1 Tim. 3:7
9. Lover of good men: Titus 1:8
10. Holy: Titus 1:8
11. Temperate or self-controlled: Titus 1:8

IN GENERAL:

1. Not of constraint, but willingly:
 2. Not for filthy lucre, but of a ready
mind: 1 Peter 5:2-3
- All qualifications must first be proved:
(1 Tim. 3:10)

QUALIFICATIONS OF A NON-ELDER

Abound unto every good work: 2 Cor. 9:8
Fruitful in every good work: Col. 1:10
Prepared unto every good work: 2 Tim. 2:21
Ready to every good work: Titus 3:1

A CHRISTIAN:

1. Apt to teach: 2 Tim. 2:2, 24-26; Heb. 5:12
2. Be sober: 1 Pet. 5:8; 1 Thess. 5:8
No foolish talking or jesting: Eph. 5:4
3. Be not carried about with divers and
strange doctrines: Heb. 13:9; Eph. 4:14

A CHRISTIAN:

1. Let every man have his own wife: 1 Cor. 7:2
2. Husband head of the wife: Eph. 5:22-23
3. Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:20-21
4. I have no greater joy than to hear that my
children walk in truth: 3 John 4; Pr. 22:6
5. Vigilant: 1 Pet. 5:8; Watch: 1 Cor. 16:13
6. Be ye also patient: James 5:7-8
7. Be no brawler: Titus 3:2
8. Must grow: 2 Peter 3:18; 2 Tim. 2:15
9. Put away anger: Col. 3:8
10. Look on the things of others: Phil. 2:3-4
11. Not partial: 1 Tim. 5:21; John 7:24
12. Add... temperance: 2 Peter 1:6
13. Be subject one to another, and be clothed
with humility: 1 Peter 5:5; Phil. 2:5

BE THOU AN EXAMPLE: 1 Tim. 4:12

1. Blameless: Phil. 2:14-16; 1 Cor. 1:8
2. Let your light so shine before men: Mt. 5:16
3. Given to hospitality: Romans 12:13
4. Be not drunk with wine: Eph. 5:18; 1 Cor. 6:9-10
5. Turn other cheek: Mt. 5:38-39
6. For the love of money is the root of all
(kinds) of evil: 1 Tim. 6:9-10
7. Be without covetousness: Heb. 13:5; Eph. 5:3
8. Be a pattern of good works: Tit. 2:7-8
9. Not despisers of good: 2 Tim. 3:3
10. Be ye holy: 1 Peter 1:15-16
11. Mortify the flesh: Col. 3:5-9
Know how to possess body: 1 Thess. 4:3-4

GENERAL PRACTICE OF CHRISTIAN: 2 Cor. 8:12

1. If there be first a willing mind: 2 Cor. 8:12
2. Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his
righteousness: Mt. 6:33
3. Prove your own selves whether ye be in
the faith: 2 Cor. 13:5