

# The Qualifications of an Elder

(The qualifications listed in I Timothy 3:1-7, II Timothy 2:24-25, and Titus 1:6-9 are not exhaustive, but rather, are an essential starting point for determining who should be an elder)

1. Above reproach (both)
2. The husband of one wife (both)
3. Having children who are believers (Titus)
4. Manages his household well (I Tim.)
5. Temperate (self-controlled, balanced) (I Tim.)
6. Sensible (prudent, good judgment) (both)
7. Respectable (well-behaved, honorable) (I Tim.)
8. Hospitable (both)
9. Able to teach (all three)
10. Not self-willed (Titus)
11. Not addicted to wine (both)
12. Not pugnacious or quarrelsome (all three)
13. Not quick tempered (Titus)
14. Not fond of sordid gain (Titus)
15. Lover of what is good (Titus)
16. Gentle (I Tim., II Tim.)
17. Peaceable (not contentious) (I Tim.)
18. Free from the love of money (I Tim.)
19. Just (righteous conduct, law-abiding) (Titus)
20. Devout (holy, pleasing to God, loyal to His Word) (Titus)
21. Self-controlled (Titus)
22. Not a new convert (I Tim.)
23. A good reputation outside the church (I Tim.)
24. Holds fast to the Word of God (Titus)
25. Able to refute false teaching (II Tim., Titus)
26. Kind to everyone (II Tim.)
27. Able to patiently endure evil against him (II Tim.)

And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth.... (II Timothy 2:24-25)