

Biblical Qualifications of Elders and Deacons

ELDERS

His relationship to:

DEACONS

He must be a man of spiritual maturity.

- Devout, *Titus 1:8*
- Not a new Christian, *1 Tim 3:6*

GOD

He must be a man of integrity, truthful. *1 Tim 3:8*

He must be a capable handler of the Word.

- Holding fast the faithful Word, *Titus 1:9*
- Apt to teach, *1 Tim 3:2*
- Exhorting in sound doctrine, *Titus 1:9*
- Refuting those who contradict, *Titus 1:9*

TRUTH
OF GOD

He must be committed to the truth. *1 Tim 3:9*

He must be a man marked by self-control.

- Self-controlled, *Titus 1:8*
- Temperate, *1 Tim 3:2*
- Sensible, *Titus 1:8, 1 Tim 3:2*
- Not quick tempered, *Titus 1:7*
- Not addicted to wine, *1 Tim 3:3, Titus 1:7*

HIMSELF

He must not be addicted to much wine. *1 Tim 3:8*

He must be a man who manages his family well.

- Manages his own household well, *1 Tim 3:4, 3:12*
- Husband of one wife, *Titus 1:6, 1 Tim 3:2*
- Having his children in submission, with all dignity, *1 Tim 3:4*
- Having children who believe, *Titus 1:6*
- Having children not accused of dissipation or rebellion, *Titus 1:6*

FAMILY

He must be a man who manages his family well.

- Husband of one wife, *1 Tim 3:12*
- Managing his children well, *1 Tim 3:12*
- Managing his household well, *1 Tim 3:12*

He must relate well to other people, i.e., he must be easy to get along with.

- Not pugnacious, *1 Tim 3:3, Titus 1:7*
- Uncontentious, *1 Tim 3:3*
- Not self-willed, *Titus 1:7*
- Hospitable, *1 Tim 3:2, Titus 1:8*

OTHERS

He must have a proper set of values.

- Free from love of money, *1 Tim 3:3*
- Not unduly fond of gain, *Titus 1:7*
- A lover of the good, *Titus 1:8*

THINGS

He must not be unduly fond of gain. *1 Tim 3:8*

He must be a man of good reputation in the community.

- Above reproach, *1 Tim 1:6-7*
- Without reproach, *1 Tim 3:2*
- Respectable, *1 Tim 3:2*
- Of good reputation before those outside, *1 Tim 3:7*

THE
WORLD

He must be a man of good reputation in the community.

- Above reproach *1 Tim 3:10*
- Dignified, *1 Tim 3:8*