

# Qualifications of Elders - Part 3

## 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7

- 1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.
- 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
- 3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;
- 4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;
- 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)
- 6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
- 7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

## TITUS 1:5-9

- 5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:
- 6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.
- 7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;
- 8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;
- 9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

## 1 PETER 5:1-4

- 1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:
- 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;
- 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.
- 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

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## Titus 1:5-9

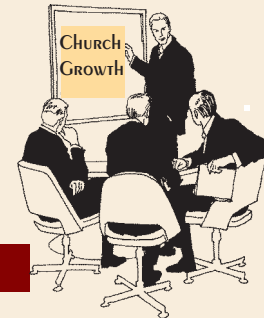
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### CHARACTER QUALIFICATIONS

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| 1. Blameless            | 9. Not a brawler                   |
| 2. Vigilant             | 10. Not covetous                   |
| 3. Sober                | 11. Not self-willed                |
| 4. Given to hospitality | 12. Not soon angry                 |
| 5. Not given to wine    | 13. Lover of good                  |
| 6. No striker           | 14. Just                           |
| 7. Not greedy           | 15. Temperate                      |
| 8. Patient              | 16. Holding fast the faithful word |

### FAMILY QUALIFICATIONS

1. Husband of one wife
2. Rules well his own houses
3. Children in subjection
4. Believing children



### BACKGROUND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Not a novice
2. Good report from without

### ABILITY QUALIFICATIONS

1. Apt to teach
2. Able to exhort and convict false teachers
3. Children in subjection
4. Believing children