

**Elders: Qualified Men Pt.2**  
1 Timothy 3:1-7 / Titus 1:5-9

**INTRODUCTION:**

**I.           The Backdrop**

**A.           1 Timothy**

1.           Timothy
2.           The Situation

**B.           Titus**

1.           Titus
2.           The Situation

**II.          The Qualifications**

**A.           Who Elders are Not**

1.           Board of Directors
2.           Popular Social Figures
3.           Pastoral Henchmen
4.           Figureheads

**B.           Who Elders are**

1.           **Faithful Men (1 Tim.3:1-2a)**
  - a)           God-given desire for the task
  - b)           Episkopos
  - c)           Above reproach (overarching) -  
unrebukeable (my favorite)
2.           **Faithful Men in Conduct (1 Tim. 3:2b-3 / Titus 1:6-8)**
  - a)           One woman man
  - b)           Sober-minded (circumspect)

- c)           Self-controlled (discreet,  
temperate, safe)
- d)           Respectable (modest and orderly)
- e)           Hospitable (fond of guests...likes  
people and being w/them)
- f)           Able to teach
- g)           Not a drunkard (not one who “stays  
near wine”)
- h)           Not violent
- i)           Gentle (appropriate and patient)
- j)           Not quarrelsome
- k)           Not a lover of money

3.           **Faithful Men at Home (1 Tim.3:4-5 / Titus 1:6)**

- a)           Household management
  - (1)           Preside over, stand before, rule
  - (2)           Family, extended to those in his  
care
  - (3)           Must, then, understand biblical  
manhood
  - (4)           Gospel implications
- b)           As a father
  - (1)           First, we should state that  
essentially a core qualification  
for an elder is that he is  
exemplary as a dad
    - (a)           All fathers are charged to  
lead in this way
    - (b)           Fathers should lead their  
homes in the application of  
the Scripture (**Neh.8-9**)
    - (c)           Fathers should see  
children as their glory  
(**Prov.17:6**)

- (d) Fathers should lead in raising children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (**Eph.6:4**)
- (e) Fathers are to encourage their children (**Col.3:21**)
- (f) Fathers are to lead in disciplining (**Heb.12:9**)
- (g) Fathers are to know God for yourself for the sake of the gospel and assurance of faith in your family (**1 John 2:13-14**)
- (2) Parenting with gravity and honesty
  - (a) With intent
  - (b) Without laziness
  - (c) With seriousness
  - (d) Without pretense
- (3) Saved children?
  - (a) Subordination to father's leadership
  - (b) In Titus, the word is *pistos*, which means "faithful"
  - (c) Gospel-organization
- (4) **1 Timothy 3:15**
- 4. **Faithful Men with Experience (1 Tim. 3:6 / Titus 1:9)**
  - a) Not a new convert
  - b) Marked humility
  - c) Sound doctrine
- 5. **Faithful Men in Public (1 Tim.3:7)**

- a) Good reputation with Outsiders (Society & Marketplace)
- b) Gospel implications

### III.

#### The Need

##### A.

##### Gifts to the Church

1.

**Ephesians 4:11-12**

2.

As a gift, the church needs them

##### B.

##### For the Good of the Church

1.

Protection

a)

Against false teaching

b)

Against false application

2.

Promotion

a)

The Gospel

b)

Joy in the body (**Hebrews 13:17**)

c)

The glory of God (**Hebrews 13:20-21**)