

**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**

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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**)