

“DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO BE AN ELDER?”
(I Timothy 3:1-7)

Introduction: The words {BISHOP}, {ELDER}, and {PASTOR} all refer to the same {POSITION/PERSON}! All Elders are {MEN} (I Timothy 2:12). There is a clear difference in Elders and {DEACONS} (Acts 6:1-7 & I Timothy 3:1-13)! Today we will examine the qualifications of an elder!

I. A GOD GIVEN {DESIRE}

*I Timothy 3:1 *I Peter 5:2 *Hebrews 5:4

II. A GOOD {NAME}

*I Timothy 3:2a *I Timothy 3:7 *Acts 6:3 *Proverbs 22:1

Note: The word is “blameless”; not {SINLESS}.

III. {GOOD/GODLY} BEHAVIOUR

*I Timothy 3:2-3 *I Peter 5:3 *Titus 1:6-8 *Matthew 5:9 *Acts 6:1

Note: The most frequently named quality is {MEEKNESS} (not quickly angry).

IV. ABLE TO {TEACH}

*I Timothy 3:2 *I Peter 5:1-2 *II Timothy 2:24-26
*I Timothy 5:17 *II Timothy 2:15

V. SPIRITUAL LEADER OF HIS {HOME}

*I Timothy 3:4-5 *I Timothy 3:12 *I Samuel 3:13

VI. MUST BE {MATURE}

*I Timothy 3:6 *I Timothy 5:21-22 *Hebrews 5:13-14

VII. MUST EMBRACE {SOUND DOCTRINE}

*Titus 1:9-13 *Acts 2:42 *Jude 3 *I Timothy 3:9-10

Note: When there arose a doctrinal issue, the {ELDERS} decided! (Acts 15:1-6)

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VIII. ABLE TO {LEAD}

*Titus 1:5 *I Peter 5:2 *Acts 6:3

Note: A person who feels called to serve, but not to lead, makes a great {DEACON}!

IX. MUST BE {HUMBLE} *I Peter 5:5-7

Conclusion: Elder means {MATURE}. Pastor means {MINISTER}. Bishop means {OVER-SEER} or director.

NOTE: We will study about the position of DEACON another time! They are two different callings.