

*The
Qualifications
of
Elders
&
Deacons*



Qualifications of Elders

- Titus 1:5-9
- 1 Timothy 3:1-7

Character of Elders

“Above reproach”	(1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:6, 7)
“Respectable”	(1 Tim. 3:2)
“Upright; holy”	(Titus 1:8)
“Not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination”	(Titus 1:6)

Character of Elders

“Not arrogant”	(Titus 1:7)
“Not quarrelsome/quick-tempered”	(1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7)
“Not a drunkard”	(1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7)
“Not violent”	(1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7)
“Not a lover of money/greedy for gain”	(1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7)
“Sober-minded”	(1 Tim. 3:2)
“Self-controlled/disciplined”	(1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8)
“Hospitable”	(1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8)
“Gentle”	(1 Tim. 3:3)

Faith of Elders

“He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.”

(1 Tim. 3:6)

“A lover of good”

(Titus 1:8)

“He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught”

(Titus 1:9)

Competence of Elders

“The husband of one wife”	(1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:6)
“He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church?”	(1 Tim. 3:4-5)
“His children are believers”	(Titus 1:6)
“Well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace”	(1 Tim. 3:7)
“Able to teach”	(1 Tim. 3:2)
“Able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also able to rebuke those who contradict it”	(Titus 1:9)

Qualifications of Deacons

- 1 Timothy 3:8-13

Character of Deacons

“Dignified”	(1 Tim. 3:8)
“Not double-tongued”	(1 Tim. 3:8)
“Not addicted to much wine”	(1 Tim. 3:8)
“Not greedy for dishonest gain”	(1 Tim. 3:8)
“Let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless.”	(1 Tim. 3:10)

Faith of Deacons

“They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.”

(1 Tim. 3:9)

Competence of Deacons

“The husband of one wife”

(1 Tim. 3:12)

“Managing their children and their own households well”

(1 Tim. 3:12)

“*Their* wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things.”

(1 Tim. 3:11)

The Appointment Process

• 1 Tim. 5:22 • Acts 1:14-26 • Acts 6:1-6

1. They recognized a need.
2. They considered qualifications.
3. They put “candidates” forward.
4. They prayed.
5. They accepted the decision as the Lord’s.

Ezekiel 34

