

## COMPARING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS IN THE CONGREGATION

ELDERS	QUALITY	CHRISTIANS
1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:6	Blameless	1 Cor. 1:8; Col. 1:22; 1 Tim. 5:7
1 Tim. 3:2	Vigilant	1 Peter 5:8
1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8	Sober	1 Peter 5:8
1 Tim. 3:2	Of Good Behavior	Matt. 5:13-16; 2 Cor. 3:2; Phil. 2:15
1 Tim. 3:2	Apt to Teach	2 Tim. 2:24
1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8	Given to Hospitality	1 Peter 4:9; Rom. 12:13
1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7	Not Given to Wine	Titus 2:3; Eph. 5:18
1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7	No Striker	Heb. 10:30; Titus 3:2
1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7	Not Greedy of Filthy Lucre	1 Tim. 6:10
1 Tim. 3:3	Patient	James 5:7
1 Tim. 3:3	Not a Brawler	Titus 3:2
1 Tim. 3:3	Not Covetous	Col. 3:5; Heb. 13:5
1 Tim. 3:4	Children in Subjection	Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21; 2 Tim. 3:15
Titus 1:6	Children not guilty of riot/unruly	1 Peter 4:4; Heb. 12:14; Rom. 12:18
1 Tim. 3:7	Good Report Without	1 Thess. 4:12; Col. 4:5
Titus 1:7	Not Self-Willed	2 Peter 2:10
Titus 1:7	Not Soon Angry	Eph. 4:26
Titus 1:8	Lover of Good Men	2 Tim. 3:3 (not despise good men)
Titus 1:8	Just	Rom. 1:17; 2:13; Heb. 12:23
Titus 1:8	Holy	1 Tim. 2:8; Eph. 4:24
Titus 1:8	Temperate	Gal. 5:23; 2 Peter 1:6
Titus 1:9	Holding Fast the Faithful Word	Gal. 1:6-9; 2 Tim. 1:13
1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:6	Husband of One Wife	(Applies if married)
1 Tim. 3:4-5; Titus 1:6	Rules Well His Own House	Eph. 5:23-33; 1 Tim. 2:8-14
1 Tim. 3:4	Children in Subjection	Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21; 1 Tim. 3:15
1 Tim. 3:6	Not a Novice	Heb. 6:1 (grow unto perfection)
Titus 1:7	Good Stewards	1 Cor. 4:1-2; 1 Peter 4:10

With the exception of 2 or 3 (husband, children, novice), every Christian is to meet these qualifications. Those under consideration to become an elder will possess them all. An elder cannot grow into them, he already possesses them; more so, and to a greater degree, than the rest of the membership. Every Christian must rule their own house well whether he/she is married or not. Every Christian starts out as a novice but must grow unto maturity. Let every one of us strive to be the most faithful dedicated Christian we can possibly be.

— *Garland M. Robinson*