

Characteristics of Elders and Overseers

1 Timothy 3:1-6¹

- a man
- blameless & beyond reproach
- the husband of one wife
- self-controlled
- sensible
- respectable
- hospitable
- able to teach
- not addicted to wine
- not like a bully
- not quick-tempered or hot-headed
- gentle
- considerate
- free from the love of money (financially ethical – not greedy for wealth and its inherent power)
- manage his own household well
- keeping his children under control with all dignity, keeping them respectful and well-behaved.
(for if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?)
- not be a new convert (so that he will not behave stupidly and become conceited by appointment to this high office and fall into the [same] condemnation incurred by the devil for his arrogance and pride)

Titus 1:6-9²

- a man
- unquestionable integrity
- the husband of one wife
- having children who believe
- not accused of being immoral or rebellious
- blameless
- not self-willed
- not quick-tempered
- not addicted to wine
- not violent
- not greedy for dishonest gain [but financially ethical]
- hospitable
- a lover of what is good
- sensible (upright)
- fair
- devout
- self-disciplined (above reproach—whether in public or in private)
- hold firmly to the trustworthy word of God as it was taught to him
- able both to give accurate instruction in sound doctrine (reliable, error-free)
- refute those who contradict sound doctrine (by explaining their error)
- Voluntarily serving with wholehearted enthusiasm³

1 - AMP text

2 - AMP text

3 - 1 Peter 5:2