



# The “Special” Qualifications of Elders/Shepherds

## INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning: 10:30 am

Scripture Reading: I Timothy 3: 1-7, Titus 1: 5-9

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### Intro.

- A. Today, we will look at the **special qualifications** of an elder.
- B. These are things not required of all Christians, but must be present if one is to be qualified to serve as an elder.

### I. MUST BE A MAN (I Tim 3:1-2, 4-5; Titus 1:6).

- A. Husband of one wife (andra = man, husband).
- B. Be head of his own house and **r**\_\_\_\_\_ it well (Eph 5:22-23, I Tim 2:12).

### II. MUST NOT BE A NOVICE (I Tim 3:6). Not a new convert.

- A. Not to be a neophyte, or “newly planted.”
- B. Danger of appointing the novice is the possibility of **p**\_\_\_\_\_.

### III. MUST DESIRE THE OFFICE (I Tim 3:6).

- A. Desire: “To stretch forward.” Also used in Heb 11:16.
- B. “To set one’s heart on, to long for.”

### IV. MUST BE THE HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE (I Tim 3:2, Titus 1:6).

- A. Must be married, married to a woman, & be a *one-woman man*!
- B. Can a widower meet these qualifications?

### V. MUST HAVE FAITHFUL CHILDREN IN SUBJECTION (Titus 1:6, I Tim 3:4).

- A. Must have his own family and have children.
- B. Must have believing (faithful) children. Most logical answer = Christians.
- C. His children must be in **s**\_\_\_\_\_.

### VI. MUST RULE HIS OWN HOUSE WELL (I Tim 3:4-5).

- A. Leadership qualities must be present and demonstrated at home.
- B. He must be the **h**\_\_\_\_\_ of his home (Eph 5: 22-23, 6:4).

### VII. MUST BE ESPECIALLY CAPABLE WITH THE WORD (I Tim 3:2, Titus 1:9).

- A. Must be “apt to teach” and “able to **c**\_\_\_\_\_ the gainsayer.”
- B. Requires knowledge of the word, skillfulness (2 Tim 2:15; Heb 5:13-14).
- C. Ties in very closely with feeding (pastoring) the flock (I Peter 5:2).

### Conclusion:

Study and pray about these qualifications and be part of helping to select **H**\_\_\_\_\_ Spirit appointed elders (Acts 20:28)!

## Notes:

### SCRAMBLED ANSWERS:

Holy  
convict  
rule  
head  
pride  
subjection