

The Messenger



“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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Responsibilities & Qualifications

Responsibilities of Elders	Responsibilities of Members
Be an example - I Peter 5:2	Imitate - Heb. 13:7 - faithful example
Oversee - Acts 20:28 Make decisions “according to will of God” - I Peter 5:2	Submit, yield, obey, cooperate with decisions “in the Lord” - Heb. 13:17
Shepherd - Acts 20:28 Guard, tend, guide, feed	Agree to follow their leadership - I Timothy 5:17
Make themselves available for help - I Thess. 5:12	Know their elders - I Thess. 5:12
Work faithfully - I Thes. 5:13	Esteem highly for work’s sake
Keep themselves pure - I Timothy 3:2	Receive no accusation against elder - I Timothy 5:19
Teach the word - I Timothy 5:17	Double honor - I Timothy 5:17

QUALIFICATIONS of ELDERS

I Timothy 3	Titus 1
Above reproach	Above reproach
Husband of one wife	Husband - one wife
Temperate	Self-control
Prudent	Sensible
Respectable	Loving good
Hospitable	Hospitable
Able to teach	Holding fast the Word
Not addicted to wine	Not addicted to wine
Not pugnacious	Not pugnacious
Gentle	Just
Uncontentious	Not quick tempered
Free from the love of money	Not fond of sordid gain
Manage household	Faithful children
Not new convert	Not self-willed
Good reputation	Just, devout

I Timothy 3

v. 2 “Above reproach” (King James) “Blameless”

“cannot be laid hold of, hence, not open to censure” (Vine p. 131)

3x - I Timothy 5:7; 6:14

Overall Character

*(Impeccable character and integrity)

His life has earned the trust and respect of those who truly know him.
(cp. vs. 7)

***Blameless** - Does not mean:

- Wasn't once dead in sin (Eph. 2:13)
- Now sinless (I John 1:8,9; Gal. 2:11-14)
- Will not be accused of wrong (I Peter 5:1; Job 1:8; Matt. 11:18 “Demon”; I Peter 2:12 “Slander you”; I Timothy 5:19 “2 or 3”)

***Does Mean:**

- Humble and contrite toward sin (I John 1:9 cp. Isaiah 66:2)
- Strives to keep his behavior excellent (I Peter 2:12)
- Overcomes evil with good (Romans 12:21)
- Any charges of present misconduct proven groundless (I Peter 2:12)
cp. I Timothy 5:20

News and Notes:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

“...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”
- James 5:16