



The Qualifications of Elders-Overseers

**We are looking at the qualities
they must possess written in
1Tim 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9**

The First Qualification

n “...if any man aspires to the office...” 1Tim 3:1

n “...not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will of God*...” 1Peter 5:2

.. Aspire ~ to seek to accomplish a specific goal, *aspire to, strive for, desire* (BDAG)

n Heb 11:16

.. Voluntarily ~ without compulsion, i.e. *deliberately, intentionally* (BDAG)

n Heb 10:26

.. According to *the will of God* ~

n Rom 12:2, 1Peter 4:1-2

The Qualities

- n *Blameless*
- n *Husband of one wife*
- n *Temperate -Self controlled*
- n *Sober-minded*
- n *Not Self willed*
- n *A lover of what is good*
- n *Just*
- n *Holy*
- n *Of good behavior*
- n *Hospitable*
- n *Able to teach-Hold fast the Word, Exhort & Convict*
- n Not given to wine
- n Not violent
- n Not quarrelsome-quick tempered
- n Gentle
- n Not greedy for money
- n Not covetous
- n **Rules house well -children in submission -faithful children**
- n **Not a novice**
- n **Has a good testimony from those outside**

Not Given To Wine

- n **“μὴ”** means not ~ and **“πάροινος”** pertains to one who is given to drinking too much wine, *addicted to wine, drunken (BDAG)*
- n **Consider the advice of Proverbs 31:4-5**
 - *"It is not for kings, O Lemuel, It is not for kings to drink wine, Nor for princes intoxicating drink; Lest they drink and forget the law, And pervert the justice of all the afflicted."*
- n **We ought to take this principal to all substances that we may become enslaved or addicted to. Including drugs, both legal and illegal.**
 - **Is being addicted to pain killers any different than alcohol? They may be necessary for a time but we would have the same problem as with addiction to wine if we become enslaved to them.**
 - **Unfortunately man has been ingenious at coming up with substances that enslave the hearts of men.**

Not Violent

- n “μὴ” means not ~ and “πλήκτης” means *pugnacious person, bully* (BDAG)
- n A word referencing physical violence, hitting, fighting, brawling, or bullying.
- n How appropriate this follows not given to wine which can help take a man normally not violent and make them a brawler. But there are some who are physically violent people because of their own temper and lack of self-control.

Not Quarrelsome ~ Not Quick-Tempered

- n **Not Quarrelsome:** *peaceable* (BDAG) 1 not to be withstood, invincible. 2 not contentious. 3 abstaining from fighting. (STRONGS)
 - Someone who is quarrelsome or not peaceable is striving or struggling with others, starting arguments.
- n **Not quick-Tempered:** “μὴ” means not ~ “ὀργίλον” means *inclined to anger, quick-tempered*, quick-tempered persons lose no time being angry, and do so with those they ought not, over things they ought not, and far more than they ought’ (BDAG)

Gentle

- n “ἑπιεικῆ” means not insisting on every right of letter of law or custom, *yielding, gentle, kind, courteous, tolerant* (BDAG)
- n James 3:17 *"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy."*
- n Phil 4:5 *"Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand."*

Not Greedy For Money

- n *“ma” meaning not ~ “aischrokerdas” meaning eager for base or sordid gain.*
- n *1 Tim 6:9-10 “”But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.“*
- n *1 Tim 6:17 " Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy."*

Not Covetous

- n “*ἀφιλάργυρον*” *not loving money, not greedy* (BDAG)
- n The previous term has to do with the method money is obtained, where as this term has more to do with the love of money itself.
- n This fault is as likely in the poor as it is in the rich, because we are talking about the love of money not money in itself.
 - Heb 13:5 *“Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.””*