



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

- “...if any man aspires to the office...” 1Tim 3:1
- “...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)
 - Heb 11:16
 - Voluntarily ~ without compulsion, i.e. *deliberately, intentionally* (BDAG)
 - Heb 10:26
 - According to *the will of God* ~
 - Rom 12:2, 1Peter 4:1-2

The Qualities

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

Hospitable

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□ φιλοξενία ~ philoxenos

□ “philos” → “fond” “xenos” → “stranger”

□ Compare with φιλαδέλφια ~ philadelphia

□ “philos” → “fond” “adelphos” → “brother”

■ Angels tested hospitality

□ Hebrews 13:2 *“Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.”*

□ Some think the following examples are in part being referred to in Heb 13:2.

Abraham Showed Hospitality

Genesis 18:3-8 " Then the Lord appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant." They said, "Do as you have said." So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead it and make cakes." And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave it to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it. So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate."

Lot Showed Hospitality

- *Genesis 19:1-3 " Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. And he said, "Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." And they said, "No, but we will spend the night in the open square." But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate."*

The Good Hospitable Samaritan

■ Luke 10:30-35 *"Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'"*

The Blessed of God are Hospitable

- **Matthew 25:34-35** *"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;'"*
- **Matthew 5:46-47** *"For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?"*