



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-Hold fast the Word, 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**

Able To Teach

■ = skillful in teaching (BDAG)

■ What are teaching skills?

- I think teaching skill is the ability to communicate a topic in some way so that others may understand.
- It requires knowledge of the subject first, but knowledge of a subject is not the same as teaching or communicating that subject.
- 2 Timothy 2:22-26 *"Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels. The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will."*

Hold Fast The Faithful Word

■ Titus 1:9 *"holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, ..."* (NKJV)

■ Titus 1:9 *"holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, ..."* (NASB95)

■ Titus 1:9 *"He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, ..."* (NIV)

■ Holding on = devoted to

□ Luke 16:13 *"No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."*

■ The Word as taught

□ Jude 3 *"Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints."*

Exhort In Sound Doctrine

■ Titus 1:9 “... *so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine ...*”

■ Able ~ specifically, with reference to an area of competence or skill. (BDAG)

□ Tit 1:9 *be expert in* exhortation (BDAG)

■ Exhort ~ to urge strongly, *appeal to, urge, exhort, encourage* (BDAG)

■ Hebrews 3:13 “*But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.*”

■ Exhort is not rebuke ~ 1Tim 5:1 “*Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but rather appeal to him as a father, to the younger men as brothers,*”

Refute Those Who Contradict

■ Titus 1:9 “... *and to refute those who contradict.* “

■ Refute = admonish, reprove, correct, discipline

■ Luke 3:19 “*But when Herod the tetrarch was reprimanded by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the wicked things which Herod had done,* ”

■ Matthew 18:15 “*“If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.* “

■ Contradict = speak against ~ Luke 20:27 “*Now there came to Him some of the Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection),”*