



Elders as Model Disciples

1 Timothy 3:1-7



Elders & Christians

Above reproach – 2 Peter 3:14

Temperate – 1 Peter 4:7

Prudent – Titus 2:2,5

Respectable – 1 Timothy 2:9

Elders & Christians

Hospitable – 1 Peter 4:9

Able to teach – Matthew 28:18-20

Not addicted to wine – Ephesians 5:18

Not pugnacious – 1 Corinthians 13:5

Elders & Christians

Gentle – Philippians 4:5

Peaceable – Matthew 5:9

Free from the love of money – 1 Timothy 6:10

Good reputation with outsiders – 1 Peter 2:12

Unique Qualifications

Husband of one wife

Manages children well

Not a new convert

These qualities specifically relate to his work as overseer of a local church.

Applications

Elders aren't "extra gifted," just mature disciples

Elders are more than decision-makers, they are examples (1 Peter 5:3)

Not all must desire to serve, but all should aspire to this character