

Following is a list of the work and qualifications of an elder as taken from the Scriptures. Definitions are included from Strong's as needed. As you make suggestions for elder at this congregation (on the reverse) use these references to help you make your determination.

The Work of an Elder

- A to take care of the church (1 Tim 3:4-5)
- B to rule well (1 Tim 5:17; Heb 13:17): *"to care for, give attention to"*
- C to exhort in sound doctrine (Tit 1:9): *"to console, encourage, and strengthen"*
- D to refute those who contradict (Tit 1:9): *"to convict; find fault with, correct"*
- E to be on guard for the church (Act 20:28): *"give attention to, to devote to"*
- F to oversee [watch over] the church (Act 20:28; Heb 13:17; 1 Pet 5:2)
- G to shepherd the flock (Act 20:28; 1 Pet 5:2): *"to feed, nourish, supply"*
- H to equip the church (Eph 4:11-12): *"complete furnishing"*
- I to edify the church (Eph 4:11-12): *"the act of building, building up"*

The Qualifications of an Elder

- 1 desires the office (1 Tim 3:1): *"to stretch out to grasp something"*
- 2 not a new convert (1 Tim 3:6): *"newly planted, a new convert"*
- 3 above reproach [blameless] (1 Tim 3:2, 10; Tit 1:6,7): *"cannot be laid hold of"*
- 4 respectable [of good behavior] (1 Tim 3:2): *"well arranged, seemly, modest"*
- 5 not self-willed (Tit 1:7): *"self-pleasing, arrogant"*
- 6 just (Tit 1:8): *"righteous, upright, virtuous, keeping God's commands"*
- 7 devout [holy] (Tit 1:8): *"undefiled by sin, free from wickedness"*
- 8 holding fast the faithful word (Tit 1:9): *"hold to firmly, paying heed to"*

- 9 husband of one wife (1 Tim 3:2, 12; Tit 1:6)
- 10 manages his household well [ruleth...] (1 Tim 3:4, 12): *"to be over, protector"*
- 11 having faithful children (Tit 1:6)

- 12 temperate [vigilant] (1 Tim 3:2): *"sober, free from intoxicants"*
- 13 prudent [sober] (1 Tim 3:2; Tit 1:8): *"curbing one's desires and impulses"*
- 14 self-controlled [temperate] (Tit 1:8): *"mastering, controlling one's self"*
- 15 not addicted to wine (1 Tim 3:3; Tit 1:7): *"not drunken"*
- 16 not fond of sordid gain [filthy lucre] (1 Tim 3:3, 8; Tit 1:7): *"greedy for money"*
- 17 free from the love of money [not covetous] (1 Tim 3:3)

- 18 hospitable (1 Tim 3:2; Tit 1:8): *"generous to guests"*
- 19 able to teach (1 Tim 3:2): *"skillful in teaching"*
- 20 gentle [patient] (1 Tim 3:3): *"equitable, fair, mild, gentle"*
- 21 good reputation with outsiders (1 Tim 3:7)
- 22 loving what is good [lover of good men] (Tit 1:8): *"loving goodness"*

- 23 not pugnacious [striker] (1 Tim 3:3; Tit 1:7): *"ready for a blow; quarrelsome"*
- 24 uncontentious [not a brawler] (1 Tim 3:3): *"abstaining from fighting"*
- 25 not quick tempered [soon angry] (Tit 1:7): *"prone to anger"*