

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (ESV)

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. 2 Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (ESV)

4 He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, 5 for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? 6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (ESV)

7 Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Following the Right Leaders

The Role of Elders

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed:
² Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; 1 Peter 5:1-3 (NIV)

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not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

1 Peter 5:1-3 (NIV)

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The Role of Elders

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. 29 I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.

Acts 20:28-30 (NIV)

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30 Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.

Acts

20:28-30 (NIV)

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Who Are They?

- Pastors?
 - ◆ Primary vs. singular
- Laymen?
- Both?

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What to look for in the Elders

- Recognizes the work involved.

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1 Timothy 3:1 (NIV)

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What to look for in the Elders

- Must Be Above Reproach.

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1 Timothy 3:2-3 (NIV)

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What to look for in the Elders

- Manages His Household Well.

He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, 5 for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?

1 Timothy

3:4-5 (NIV)

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What to look for in the Elders

- Must Be Mature in Faith.

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. 1 Timothy

3:6 (NIV)

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What to look for in the Elders

- Must Have a Good Reputation with Those Outside the Church.

Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

1 Timothy 3:7

(NIV)

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Choose Wisely