

BIBLICAL QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST FOR ELDERS

Titus 1:5-9

The local church is called to appoint:

- Elders (5) 'presbuteros' - responsibility of the direction and govt. of individual churches.
- Bishop (7) - 'episkopos' - overseer, speaks of authority to carry out duties (I Pt. 2:25)
- Pastor (Acts 20:17,28) - 'poimen' - shepherd, spiritual guide for a particular church.

Note: These three terms are used interchangeably in the NT and refer to the same office/person

The mark of a Godly leader is blamelessness = above reproach (6-7). "Implies the absence of even a charge or accusation." (Dan. 6:4-5)

IS HE BLAMELESS IN HIS FAMILY LIFE? (6-8)

1. Is he the husband of one wife? (6a) Lit. "one-woman-man". What it does mean?
 - To the Jew - Divorce is forbidden (Mal. 2:16; Mt. 5:31-32; I Co. 7:10-15)
 - To the Gentiles - Polygamy is forbidden in NT (I Co. 7:2)
 - To the Romans - Single in faithfulness to the woman who is his wife, sexual purity. (Mt. 5:28)
2. Is he the leader in his home? (6c)
 - Children - are faithful ('pistos') - to believe, to place their faith in Jesus Christ. If the children are young then the standard of I Tim. 3:4-5,12 applies.
 - Not given to dissipation - wild, drunkards, riotous living. Seems to refer to grown or nearly grown children. (Eli's sons; I Sa. 2:12-17,22-24)
 - Insubordination - rebellion. Even if children are believers they cannot be rebellious (Pr. 19:18)

IS HE BLAMELESS IN CHARACTER? (7,8)

1. He is Not self willed - seeking selfish ambitions, recognition, fame, titles. (II Pt. 2:9-10,12,14,17-18)
2. He is Not quick tempered - not easily provoked, does not have a short fuse. (Jas. 1:20)
3. He is Not given to wine - not in the presence of wine. (Prov. 23:29-35)
4. He is Not violent - not getting into fights. Can refer to verbal as well as physical fighting and quarreling
5. He is Not greedy for money - one without honesty or integrity who seeks wealth and financial prosperity at any cost. (I Co. 9:11,14; I Tim. 6:5-11; I Pet. 5:2)
6. He is Hospitable - lit. to love strangers. Gives practical help to anyone who is in need, friend or stranger. He freely offers his time, his resources, and his encouragement to meet the needs of others.
7. He is a Lover of what is good - loves things and people who are genuinely good (Phil. 4:8)
8. He is Sober-minded - sensible. In control of what he thinks about.
9. He is Just - He reflects the right and just character of God Himself (I Jn. 1:9)
10. He is Holy - devout, He is true to genuine obedience to God's will.
11. He is Self-controlled - He lives an exemplary life because he is controlled by the Holy Spirit. (Eph 5:18-21)

IS HE BLAMELESS IN HIS TEACHING (9)

Every true elder is divinely equipped to preach and teach:

1. He is Committed to the Word
2. He has the Ability to teach

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ELDER RECOMMENDATION FORM

After praying for God's guidance, please list below the name of the man (or men) you believe meet the above qualifications to serve as an Elder here at Chingola Church:

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

YOUR NAME: _____