



What are Elders?

- ❑ Older men that lead, guide, feed and oversee the church
- ❑ Men who have gained wisdom by their study of the scriptures, their successes and failures, and by their working with people.



What Do They Do?

- Feed the Church (Acts 20:28)**
- Guard against false teachers (Acts 20:29-31; Titus 1:9)**
- Watch after every soul (Heb. 13:17)**
- Oversee the flock (1 Pet. 5:2-3)**



What Kind of Men?

- **Three Categories**
 - **Knowledge and Teaching Abilities**
 - **Personal Qualifications**
 - **Family Qualifications**



What Kind of Men?

- **Able to Teach (1 Tim. 3:2)**
- **… holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.
(Titus 1:9)**



What Kind of Men?

- **Personal Qualifications**
 - **Men who desire the work (1 Tim. 3:1)**
 - **Blameless (1 Tim. 3:2)**
 - **Temperate (1 Tim. 3:2)**
 - **Sober minded (1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8)**



What Kind of Men?

- ❑ Of good behavior (1 Tim. 3:2)
- ❑ Not given to wine (1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7)
- ❑ Not violent (1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7)
- ❑ Not greedy for money (1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7)



What Kind of Men?

- Gentle (1 Tim. 3:3)**
- Not Quarrelsome (1 Tim. 3:3)**
- Not a novice (1 Tim 3:6)**
- Good testimony among those who are outside (1 Tim 3:7)**



What Kind of Men?

- Not Self-Willed (Titus 1:7)**
- Not Quick-tempered (Titus 1:7)**
- A lover of what is good (Titus 1:8)**
- Just (Titus 1:8)**
- Holy (Titus 1:8)**
- Self-controlled (Titus 1:8)**



What Kind of Men

□ Family Qualifications

- Husband of one wife (1 Tim. 3:2)
- Hospitable (1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8)
- One who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?) (1 Tim. 3:4, 5)



What Kind of Men

- ...children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion (Titus 1:6)
- Likewise their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things (1 Tim. 3:11)



Church's Responsibility to Elders

- **Submit to (Heb. 13:17)**
- **Recognize, Esteem in love and be at peace (1 Thess. 5:12-13)**