

Shepherds of the Flock #1

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Our Text: 1 Pet. 5:1-4

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² Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;
³ nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;
⁴ and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.**

To whom he speaks

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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.**
- ❑ **Men who meet the qualifications found in 1 Tim. 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9**



Three Categories of qualifications

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



Knowledge and teaching Qualities

□ Knowledgeable

- ...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)**

□ Able to Teach (1 Tim. 3:2)



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)**



Personal Qualities

- ❑ **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)**



Personal Qualities

- ❑ **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)**



Personal Qualities

- ❑ **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)**



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)**



Family Qualities

- **...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)**