

# THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE IN THE CHURCH —ELDERS AND DEACONS—

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"IF A MAN DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO LEAD HIS OWN HOUSE, HOW CAN HE LOOK AFTER A CONGREGATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE?"—1 Timothy 3:5

DEACONS 1 TIMOTHY 3	ELDERS/BISHOPS 1 TIMOTHY 3 TITUS 1				
			<b>HIS STATUS</b>		
12	2	6	Has only one wife	} IN THE HOME	
			<b>HIS WIFE</b>		
11			She is faithful in everything		
11			She is serious		
11			She is not a slanderer		
11			She is sober/self-controlled		
			<b>HIS CHILDREN</b>		
12	4		His children are subordinate		
		6	His children are believers		
		6	& have a good report by all		
12	4		He manages his home well		
		7	Has a good reputation with those outside the church		
			<b>NEGATIVE</b>	} IN CHARACTER	
8	2	7	Not given to wine		
	2	7	Not physically violent		
	3	7	Nor a contentious person		
8			Not given to double-talk		
8	2	7	Not greedy for money		
	3		Nor a lover of money		
			<b>POSITIVE</b>		
		8	Righteous and holy		
		8	Self-controlled		
8	2	8	Sober and sober-minded		
	3	8	Gentle and kind		
	2	8	A lover of strangers		
	8		A lover of good men and things		
			<b>NEGATIVE</b>	} IN SPIRITUALITY	
	6		Not a recent convert		
			<b>POSITIVE</b>		
	2		Able to teach		
9		9	Steadfastness in the faith		
		9	Able to exhort in sound teaching		
		9	Able to confute objectors		
10			Period of probation first	} IN WORK	

"AND THE THINGS WHICH YOU DID HEAR FROM ME THROUGH MANY WITNESSES, THESE THINGS BE COMMITTING TO STEDFAST MEN, WHO SHALL BE CAPABLE TO TEACH OTHERS ALSO"—2 TIMOTHY 2:2