

# Order in the Church -- Qualified Elders

## Titus 1:5-9 Study Notes

**Introduction:** What is the \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Big C -- People called out of darkness into the kingdom of Christ from every tribe, tongue, and nation. (Col. 1:13,14; Rev. 7:9)

Little c -- People organized by God into local, visible expressions of this Kingdom of Christ.

The first requirement for a church to be “set in order” is \_\_\_\_\_ elders.  
“Appoint elders in every town...”

### **Background:**

\_\_\_\_\_ in the Old Testament (Exodus 4:29)  
Leadership Requirements (Exodus 18:21)

### **Key Thought:**

Titus 1:5-9 tells us of the \_\_\_\_\_ for elders in the church.

**1) Able to \_\_\_\_\_ himself (Titus 1:6-8)**  
“above reproach”

### **Application:**

- Are you a person of spiritual maturity?
- What are you doing to grow in this area?

**2) Able to \_\_\_\_\_ for his family (Titus 1:6; 1 Tim. 3:4,5)**

“... if someone doesn't know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?”

**Application:** The home is the foundation of society.

- How is your home functioning?
- What change could you make to have your home be more like the Kingdom of Christ?

**3) Able to \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God (Titus 1:9)**

**Application:**

- How have you demonstrated that you are able to communicate the Word of God?
- How do you react when God's Word contradicts what you desire?

**Overall Application:** The qualifications for being an elder are challenging.

- Do you desire to meet these qualifications?
- How are you following those who have been given these roles?
- Please pray for the elders among us.

## 19 Spiritual Qualifications

- Above reproach (a man of good reputation)
- The husband of one wife (morally pure)
- Temperate (balanced in words and action)
- Prudent (wise and humble)
- Respectable (good role model)
- Hospitable (unselfish and generous)
- Able to teach (communicates sensitively in a nonthreatening and nondefensive manner)
- Not addicted to wine (not addicted to substances)
- Not self-willed (not self-centered and controlling)
- Not quick-tempered (void of anger that becomes sinful)
- Not pugnacious (not abusive)
- Gentle (sensitive, loving, and kind)
- Peaceable (nonargumentative and nondivisive)
- Free from the love of money (nonmaterialistic)
- Manages his own household well (a good husband and father)
- Loving what is good (pursues godly activities)
- Just (wise, discerning, nonprejudiced, and fair)
- Devout (holy, devoted to God)
- Self-controlled (disciplined)

(Taken from The Measure of a Man by Gene Getz pp. 21, 22)

