

HOW DOES GOD LEAD HIS CHURCH?
Qualifications for elders we all should aspire to
Titus 1:6

- I. **ELDERS MUST BE ABOVE REPROACH, EXHIBITING CHRISTLIKE CHARACTER AND SPIRITUAL MATURITY IN RELATION TO FAMILY LIFE (6)**
- A. **Some preliminary observations:** (6-9, 1Tim 3:1-7)
1. Elders are to be men (6, 1Tim 3:1)

 2. What do all these qualifications have in common? (6-9, 1 Tim. 3:1-7)
- B. **An overarching theme:** they are to be “**above reproach**” (6,7, 1Tim. 3:2,7)
- C. **The qualifications in relation to family life** explained: (6)
1. **Concerning sexual purity:** Must be a “**one woman man**” (6a)

 2. **Concerning their Children (6b, 1Tim 3:4-5)**
 - a) **Their children must manifest faith** in Christ as exhibited by their behavior (6b)

 - b) **The father must manage his household well** (1Timothy 3:4-5)
 - (1) Keeping his children under control with all dignity (4)

 - (2) The obvious reality: If can’t manage his house, he can’t manage His church (5)

NEXT WEEK

II. **ELDERS MUST BE ABOVE REPROACH, EXHIBITING CHRISTLIKE CHARACTER AND SPIRITUAL MATURITY IN RELATION TO THEIR INNER PERSONAL LIFE** (Titus 1:7-8, 1Tim. 3:1-7)

IN 2 WEEKS

III. **ELDERS MUST BE ABOVE REPROACH, EXHIBITING CHRISTLIKE CHARACTER SPIRITUAL MATURITY IN RELATION TO THEIR HANDLING AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORD** AND THE THREATS TO THE WORD (9-16)