

HOW DOES GOD LEAD HIS CHURCH?
Qualifications for elders we all should aspire to
Titus 1:8

I. 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)**

- A. *REVIEW*...God's steward must be above reproach (Titus 1:7a)
- B. *REVIEW*... **What an Elder is not to be**: He must not be controlled by sin (Titus 1:7b)
- C. **What an Elder must be: Christ-like character qualities an elder must exhibit (Titus 1:8, 1 Tim 3)**
 - 1. **Hospitable**: a love of believing strangers (Titus 1:8, 1Tim 3:2)
 - 2. **A love of what is good** (Titus 1:8)
 - 3. **Sensible**: Sound mind, leading to self control (Titus 1:8, 1Tim 3:2 "prudent")
 - 4. **Temperate** (1Tim 3:3, Titus 2),
 - 5. **respectable** (1Tim 3:3),
 - 6. **Gentle** (1Tim 3:3, Titus 3:2)
 - 7. **Uncontentious** (1Tim 3:3, Titus 3:2)
 - 8. **Just Righteous** (Titus 1:8)
 - 9. **devout** holy (Titus 1:8)
 - 10. **self controlled** en kratos (Titus 1:8)
- D. **A Warning and Admonition**: Must not be a new convert and must have a good reputation with outsiders (**1Tim 3:6-7**)

NEXT WEEK

II. 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)**