

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELDERS WE ALL SHOULD ASPIRE TO**  
**Elders must cling tenaciously to God's Word**  
**Titus 1:9 Part 1**

**I. ELDERS ARE REQUIRED TO HOLDFAST TO THE FAITHFUL WORD (9a)**

**1. What does it mean to holdfast?**

**2. What are they to hold fast to? the faithful Word (9a)**

**a) A description of the faithful Word**

**(1) It is His Word**

- (a) Word of God, Word of the Lord (1Peter 1:23-25)
- (b) Word of Christ (Colossians 3:16)
- (c) My Word, His Word, Thy Word

**(2) Other designations**

- (a) Word of the kingdom (Matt 13:19)
- (b) Word of His grace (Acts 14:3, 20:32)
- (c) Word of the gospel (Acts 15:7)
- (d) Word of faith (Romans 10:8)
- (e) The Word of the cross (1Cor. 1:18)
- (f) The Word of reconciliation (2Cor 5:19)
- (g) The Word of truth (2Cor 6:7, Col 1:5, 1Tim 2:15 James 1:18)
- (h) The Word of life (Phil 2:16)
- (i) The Word of God's message (1Thes 2:13)
- (j) The Word of righteousness (Hebrews 5:13)
- (k) The Word of My perseverance (Rev 3:10)

**(3) It is Faithful (9a)**

**b) It is in Accordance with sound teaching (9a)**

**II. REASONS WHY ELDERS MUST HOLD FIRM the FAITHFUL WORD (9b)**

**1. Other passages**

**a) So that they are Constantly nourished 1Tim 4**

**b) So that they Preach and teach the Word 2Tim 4**

**NEXT WEEK**

**2. Exhort in sound doctrine (9b)**

**3. Reprove those who contradict (9b)**