

# Church Leadership

## (4) The Qualifications of a Leader

ITim:3:2 Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. NIV

### *The heart of the issue...ITim.3:2*

What is the first and perhaps most basic requirement for an Elder? vs.2a Job 1:1; 8

**The Elder must be above reproach. Literally, "unable to be held" with true charges.**

And what is the first way 'above reproach' looks like? vs.2

**Must be a 'one-woman man'. Seems to address the rampant polygamy in Ephesus.**

What does this passage *not* say? Heb.13:4; ICor.7:8, 15; Mt.19:9

**Not prohibiting married, unmarried, widowed, divorced. Upholds the Godly standard.**

What's the second way to be above reproach? vs.2 3:2, 11; Titus 2:2 See Eph.5:18

**The Elder must be temperate (wine-less), sober minded. Primarily re clear thinking.**

What's the third way to be above reproach? vs.2

**To be prudent (reign in, controlled) in mind. Not given to rash decisions. Thoughtful.**

What's the fourth way to be above reproach? vs.2 ITim.2:9, modest

**To be respectable (orderly, modest). This is a man who has an orderly life, not chaotic.**

And the fifth way? vs.2

**He is to be hospitable, fond of guests. An example of Christian service.**

What's now connected to the *function* of the Elder? vs.2b ITim.2:15, 24-26 Titus 1:9

**He is to be able to teach (the Scriptures). Able to correct. Rightly dividing the Word.**

### *The four 'nots' of the Elder...ITim.3:3*

What are the (4) things Elders are not to be noted for? vs.3

**1) Not a drinker 2) not violent, but gentle 3) not quarrelsome 4) not a lover of money.**

What's the emphasis of #1, not a drinker?

**He is not known as a drinker, even if it doesn't result in drunkenness. Above reproach.**

What about #2? How is this described?

**Never reacts with physical violence. Known as a gentle person.**

And #3?

**Not contentious. Not a person with a short fuse, one who needs to be avoided.**

What's the heart of #4? IPet.5:2; ITim.6:10

**This is more about what he wants than what he has. Ministry is not for financial gain.**