

Qualifications for Elders and Deacons – 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9

I. How Are Church Leaders Selected?

1. Paul & Barnabas had appointed _____ in every church. (Acts 14:23)
 - a. Paul was appointed to be a _____ and apostle. (1 Timothy 2:7)
 - b. Barnabas assisted Paul by _____ and _____ the word of the Lord. (Acts 15:35)
2. Titus, a co-worker (preacher) of Paul, was told to appoint _____ in every city. (Titus 1:5)
3. The disciples (church) were told to select men of good _____ to care for widows. (Acts 6:2–3) Note: The men selected were special servants, not elders.

II. Qualifications of Conduct

4. First, a man must have the _____ to serve as an overseer (bishop, elder) (1 Tim. 3:1)
5. The elder must be _____ (above reproach). He must also be temperate (moderate) and _____-minded. (1 Timothy 3:2)
 - a. He must have good _____ (respectable) and _____ (friendly).
6. Elders, deacons, and their wives will not indulge in _____ (alcoholic drink). (1 Tim. 3:3)
 - a. They will not be _____ (a fighter) but be _____.
 - b. Elders and deacons will not be greedy for _____.
7. Church leaders must have a good reputation with those _____ of the church. (1 Timothy 3:7)

III. Qualifications of Family

8. Elders and deacons will be the husband of _____ wife. (1 Timothy 3:2)
Note: They have followed God's design for marriage. (Matthew 19:4–6)
9. The wives of elders and deacons must be _____ in all things. (1 Timothy 3:11)
10. Elders and deacons will _____ their houses well. (1 Timothy 3:4, 5, 12)
 - a. The elder's children will be _____. (Titus 1:6)
 - b. If a man cannot rule his own house, how will he take care of the _____ of God?

IV. Qualifications of Knowledge and Wisdom

11. The elder will not be a _____ (new convert), otherwise he may be overcome with _____. (1 Timothy 3:6)
12. The elder must be able (skillful) to _____ others the gospel. (1 Timothy 3:2)