

AN ELDER IS A MAN

HEBREWS 13:7

LAME DUCK PRESIDENT

NEVER COMPLETELY SATISFIED WITH LEADERS

Parents, teachers, bosses, church

ELDER IS A MAN

Great influence, responsibilities, demands

Not understand pressures

Difficult actions, obligations

**ELDER-PRESBYTER, BISHOP-OVERSEER,
PASTOR-SHEPHERD**

MAN GIFTED WITH BEING AN ELDER

EPHESIANS 4:11

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,

ROMANS 12:6-8

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

MAN HAS QUALITIES OF AN ELDER

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7

Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

TITUS 1:6-9

An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless--not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

EXPERIENCE

Not novice, apt to teach

REPUTATION

DOMESTIC

Husband one wife, ruling house well

CHARACTER

Blameless, not covetous, greedy, self willed,

HABITS

Vigilant, not given to wine

MAN ACCEPT DUTIES OF ELDER

1 TIMOTHY 3:1

Not office but work

FEED SHEEP ACTS 20:28

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

PROTECT SHEEP ACTS 20:29-31

I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

CORRECT SHEEP TITUS 1:9-11

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EQUIP SHEEP EPHESIANS 4:12-16

to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

MAN WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED

HAS SUPPORT OF CONGREGATION

MUST SUBMIT

FOLLOW

ESTEEM AND HONOR

RECEIVE NOT ACCUSATION

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JAMES COFFMAN
