

Standards for Leadership

Titus 1:5-9

I. Elders of the churches protect the content of the faith. (Titus 1)

A. The qualifications of elders (1:5-9)

The Need to Appoint Elders (1:5)

The mission of Titus is summarized in “set in order the things that are lacking” by appointing elders (chapter 1) and setting a pattern of teaching God’s word in a practical way (chapters 2-3).

“appoint”

“elders”

These terms refer to the same position of local church leadership in the New Testament:

“elder”	“bishop”	“pastor”
Position of authority and responsibility	Task of overseeing all the activities	Task of tending and feeding the flock
Titus 1:5, 1 Tim. 5:17, 1 Pet. 5:1, Acts 14:23	1 Tim. 3:1, Titus 1:7, Phil. 1:1, 1 Pet. 5:2	Eph. 4:11, 1 Pet. 5:2

Qualifications of Elders (1:6-9a)

“blameless” is an all-encompassing term, described in detail in the lists of 1:6-9

Family requirements (1:6)

- one woman man –

- faithful children –

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Lacking Base Traits (1:7)

- not self-willed –
- not quick-tempered –
- not given to wine –
- not violent –
- not greedy for money –

Having Honorable Traits (1:8-9a)

- hospitable –
- a lover of what is good –
- sober minded –
- just –
- holy –
- self-controlled –
- holding fast the faithful word –

Purpose for Elders (1:9b)

The tool: sound doctrine as found in the word of God; “the faith” and “the truth” (Titus 1:1)

The task: (1) exhort –

(2) convict –

**What do I do with these standards?*