

1st Timothy 3

1. In this chapter, qualifications are given for what two offices?
2. Along with the term used here, what two other terms does the New Testament use to describe the office of bishop or overseer? (see *Acts 20:17 & 28 and / or 1 Peter 5:1-2 for help*)
3. From verse 5 of this chapter, and Hebrews 13:17 & 1 Peter 5:2, what is the primary role of elders?
 - a. From Acts 20:28 and 1 Peter 5:2, what is *the extent* of their rule? That is, what limit is placed upon the extent of their rule?
4. Where else are elder's qualifications found in the New Testament?
5. Paul lists the things that an overseer *must be, do and have*: Given the meaning of the term "must," are these things *essential*?

What does it mean to be:

- a. Above reproach?
- b. The husband of one wife?
- c. Temperate?
- d. Sober (sober-minded, prudent)?
- e. Of good behavior (respectable)?
- f. In biblical usage, does being "hospitable" mean?
- g. Why must an elder be "able to teach?"

- h. Some argue that “not given to wine” or “not a drunkard” means that elders can consume alcohol, but not too much. But what levels of drinking are condemned in 1 Peter 4:3?
 - i. Why is it important that an elder not be violent or quarrelsome?
 - j. Why the caution against loving money?
 - k. Combining 1 Timothy 3:4-5 with Titus 1:6, what must an elder’s children be?
 - 1. The status of an elder’s children should prove that he is able to lead *what*?
 - l. Why must an elder not be a recent convert?
 - m. Why should an elder have a good reputation among outsiders?
5. As noted, the elder’s work pertains to spiritual things. What is the primary focus of the deacon’s work?
 6. What does it mean to be double-tongued?
 7. What false argument do some people make from verses 3 and 8 regarding alcohol consumption?
 8. From the statement, “let them also first be tested,” what is implied about the selection of *elders*?
 9. What is required of an elder’s children that is not required of deacons’?
 10. What function does the church have?
 11. Who was manifest in the flesh? What does this mean?