

Biblical Qualifications for Elders and Deacons

Biblical Qualification(s)	Office	Scriptural Reference(s)
Must be Above Reproach (blameless)	Elder / Deacon	1Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:6 / 1Tim. 3:9-10
Must be The Husband Of One Wife	Elder / Deacon	1Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:6 / 1Tim. 3:12
Must be Temperate (sober minded)	Elder / Deacon	1Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:7 / 1Tim. 3:8
Must be Prudent (self-controlled)	Elder	1Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8
Must be Respectable	Elder / Deacon	1Tim. 3:2 / 1Tim. 3:8
Must be Hospitable	Elder	1Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8
Must be Able To Teach	Elder	1Tim. 3:2; 5:17; Titus 1:9
Not Addicted to Wine (drunkenness)	Elder / Deacon	1Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7 / 1Tim. 3:8
Not Pugnacious (violent), but Gentle	Elder	1Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7
Not Quarrelsome (uncontentious)	Elder	1Tim. 3:3
Not A Lover Of Money (not greedy)	Elder	1Tim. 3:3
Manages His Own Household Well	Elder / Deacon	1Tim. 3:4 / 1Tim. 3:12
His Children Obey Him	Elder / Deacon	1Tim. 3:4-5; Titus 1:6 / 1Tim. 3:12
Not A Recent Convert	Elder	1Tim. 3:6
A Good Reputation With Outsiders	Elder	1Tim. 3:7
Does Not Pursue Dishonest Gain	Elder / Deacon	1Tim. 3:8 / Titus 1:7
Not Two-Tongued (must be sincere)	Deacon	1Tim. 3:8
Must Have Children Who Believe	Elder	Titus 1:6
Not Overbearing	Elder	Titus 1:7
Not Quick-Tempered	Elder	Titus 1:7
Loves What Is Good	Elder	Titus 1:8
Must Be Upright, Holy	Elder	Titus 1:8
Must Be Disciplined	Elder	Titus 1:8
Must Be Tested	Deacon	1Tim. 3:10
Likewise... Wives Must be Dignified	Elder / Deacon	1Tim. 3:11
Wives Must Not be Malicious Gossips	Elder / Deacon	1Tim. 3:11
Wives Must be Temperate	Elder / Deacon	1Tim. 3:11
Wives Must be Faithful in All Things	Elder / Deacon	1Tim. 3:11

¹ http://www.spread-the-word.info/digging_deeper/elder_deacon_qualifications.htm