

Biblical Eldership - 2

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Elder Qualification – 1/4

1. **Aspiration / Desire** (ὁρέγω / ἐπιθυμέω)
 - Internal and External Desire/Passion
2. **Above Reproach** (ἀνεπίλη(μ)πτος)
 - Free from any ‘offensive or disgraceful’ black mark either on the character or conduct
3. **One Woman Husband** (μιᾷς γυναικὸς ἄνδρα)
 - Committed to One Woman
4. **Temperare** (νηφάλιος)
 - Wineless / Unmixed with Wine
 - Self / Control

Elder Qualification – 2/4

5. **Sensible / Prudent / Reasonable (σώφρων)**
 - Good judgement, Discretion and Common Sense
6. **Respectable / Honorable (κόσμιος)**
 - Orderly-ness. A decent or dignified person.
7. **Hospitable (φιλόξενος)**
 - Lover of strangers
8. **Skilled in Teaching (διδασκτικός)**
 - Teaching / Instructing

Elder Qualification – 3/4

9. Not Addicted to Wine (μὴ πάροινον)

- Self controlled in regards to drinking

10. Pugnacious(μὴ πλήκτην)

- Not a striker

11. Gentle (ἐπιεικής)

- Not insisting on every right of letter of law or custom, yielding, gentle, kind, courteous, tolerant

12. Peaceable (ἄμαχος)

- Seeking peace

Elder Qualification – 4/4

13. Not a lover of money (ἀφιλάργυρον)

- Does not love money

14. Manages his household well (ιδίου οἴκου καλῶς προϊστάμενον)

- Leader and Provider

15. Not a New Convert (μὴ νεόφυτον)

- Mature Believer

16. Good reputation with outsiders (καὶ μαρτυρίαν καλὴν ἔχειν ἀπὸ τῶν ἑξωθεν)

- Regarded well outside

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