

CHURCH LEADERS AND THEIR ASSISTANTS

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I. ELDERS (Acts 20:28-31; I Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:6-9; I Pet. 5:1-5)

A. POSITIVE:

1. Above Reproach
2. Calm
3. Sober
4. Orderly
5. Hospitable
6. Patient
7. Rules Well His Family
8. Good Reputation
9. Lover Of Good
10. Just
11. Holy
12. Temperate
13. Faithful To The Bible
14. Godly Example

B. NEGATIVE:

1. Not A Drinker
2. Not Into Dirty Money
3. Not A Striker
4. Not A Brawler
5. Not Covetous
6. Not Self-Willed
7. Not Quick Tempered

C. SPECIAL:

1. Desire The Office
2. Husband Of One Wife
3. Faithful Children
4. Able To Teach
5. Not A Novice

To qualify as a faithful Christian, the child of God must also possess the above qualifications, except the "Special", which pertain particularly to the Eldership!

D. PROHIBITIONS:

1. Not Of Constraint
2. Not For Dirty Money
3. Not Over-Lords

E. OBLIGATIONS:

1. Take Heed Unto Themselves
2. Take Heed Unto The Flock
3. Feed The Church
4. Rule The Church
5. Exercise The Oversight
6. Be Godly Examples
7. Give Account On Judgment Day

The congregation must submit to qualified leadership in carrying out the Lord's work (Hebrews 13:17) The Holy Spirit has given the qualifications for the leadership and the congregation must see to it that they select qualified leaders and then cooperate with them. Due to all having a tendency to go "slack" in one's responsibilities - it is good to have a periodic confidence vote to let each elected person understand what the brethren's value of them is.

II. DEACONS: (I Tim. 3:8-13)

A. POSITIVE:

1. Grave
2. Faithful To The Bible
3. Husband Of One Wife
4. Rules Well His Family
5. Worthy Of Respect

B. NEGATIVE:

1. Not Double Tongued
2. Not Into Dirty Money
3. Not A Drinker

C. DUTIES: To Assist the Church in an orderly manner (Acts 6)! Men of Good Report, and filled with the Holy Spirit & Wisdom.

May it be understood that the Elders are Overseers, Shepherds, Superintendents, or Managers, whereas the Deacons are in a servant capacity and not that of supervision. Thus, the Deacons do not have an equal vote with the Elders.

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