

Heeding the Call for Godly Elders

1. An Elder's Heart, Character & Gifts

- He is one who desires a noble task.

- He must be above reproach.

→ the husband of one wife

→ sober minded, self-controlled

→ respectable

→ not violent but gentle

→ not quarrelsome

→ not a lover of money

- He must be hospitable & able to teach.

2. An Elder's Leadership Qualifications

- He must manage his household well.

- He must not be a recent convert.

- He must be respected by unbelievers.

3. A Charge to Our Church & Our Elders

- We should appoint godly elders & follow their lead (interdependence).

- Our elders should work with & be assisted by deacons & other leaders.

- Our elders must shepherd willingly & equip the saints for ministry: so that we all grow into the fullness of Christ.