

## ELDER Qualifications – Pt 2

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\* The sought after qualities can be seen in a potential elder's most basic relationships

### C. TO HIMSELF (HIS CHARACTER)

#### 1) temperate

#3524 νηφαλέος νηφάλιος *nephaleos*

= sober

= self-controlled mainly in respect to wine

= one who always has a halter on himself

= not addicted to wine (drunkard)

= self-controlled

→ does he live his daily life according to biblical principles under God?

→ is he Spirit-controlled and disciplined?

#### 2) prudent / sensible

#4998 σώφρων *sophron*

= of a sound mind, sane, in one's senses

= moderate, sober minded, discreet

= self-restrained in all passions & desires

→ does he live his life wisely according to the wisdom of God?

#### 3) not quick tempered

#3711 ὀργίλος *orgilos*

= prone to anger, hot tempered

→ is he emotionally even-keeled?

→ is he able to restrain his feelings?

#### 4) not self-willed

#829 αὐθάδης *authades*

= self-pleasing, arrogant

= overbearing as a result of stubbornness

= a person who obstinately maintains his

own opinion or asserts his own rights

but is reckless of the rights, feelings

and interests of others

→ does he regulate his life with a selfless respect for others?

#### 5) loving what is good

#5358 φιλάγαθος *philagathos*

= lit. loving goodness

= loving and practicing what is good

→ is he devoted to what is good or beneficial – things, deeds or people?

#### 6) free from the love of money

= not fond of sordid gain

→ is he motivated by material wealth?

→ is his office as elder for personal gain?

### D. TO OTHERS

#### 1) hospitable

#5382 φιλόξενος *philoxenos*

= lit. loving a stranger

= generous to guests

→ is he welcoming and kind to strangers visiting the church; new believers?

#### 2) gentle

#1933 ἐπιεικής *epieikes*

= strength under control, unassertive

→ is he yielding or heavy-handed insisting on the letter of the law?

#### 3) not pugnacious

#4131 πλήκτης *plektes*

= contentious, quarrelsome, violent

= a striker, of reproachful language

→ could he become physically or verbally abusive?

→ might he use his position to manipulate people?

= peaceable

#### 4) just

#1342 δίκαιος *dikaios*

= upright, according to God's law

→ can he make wise, fair, impartial, objective biblical decisions?

#### 5) respectable

#2887 κόσμιος, κοσμίως *kosmios*

= orderly, decent, well arranged, modest

→ is he respected by all because his life is orderly, harmonious and balanced?

6) having a good reputation with those on the outside (unbelievers in the world)