

## THE PASTORAL LETTERS

### Considering Elders

1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9

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#### 1. To rightly conduct themselves as the household of God, the local church must choose qualified men as their Elders/Overseers/Pastors.

- a. The understanding of the office of Elder and the selection of qualified men to this office, is so important to the faith and life of the church that it is included as a part of their \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. The \_\_\_\_\_ God gives a man for the office of Elder/Overseer/Pastor is a holy aspiration because it is a God-honoring work.

#### 2. The local church is to choose men as their Elders/Overseers/Pastors who are men of good Christian character.

*“The basis for appointment is moral character, not education, gift, age, status, need, or talent.” - Alexander Strauch*

- a. If married, he must be a “one \_\_\_\_\_ man” and have a well-ordered household.
- b. He must be a man who has self-control. His appetites do not \_\_\_\_\_ over him.

- c. He must be a man who who is balanced and sensible.
- d. He must not be quick tempered or quarrelsome but instead acts as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. He must be a \_\_\_\_\_ believer who has a true love for the Lord.
- f. He must have a good reputation with those outside the church. He is not a \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. He must show genuine love and concern for others.
- h. He must be able to teach the Scriptures such that it is understandable to others.
  - 1) He holds firmly to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Scriptures as God’s Holy Word.
  - 2) He understands the basic \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian faith.
  - 3) He is able to exhort others in the truth and help them to make good applications.
  - 4) He must be willing and able to \_\_\_\_\_ false teachers.