

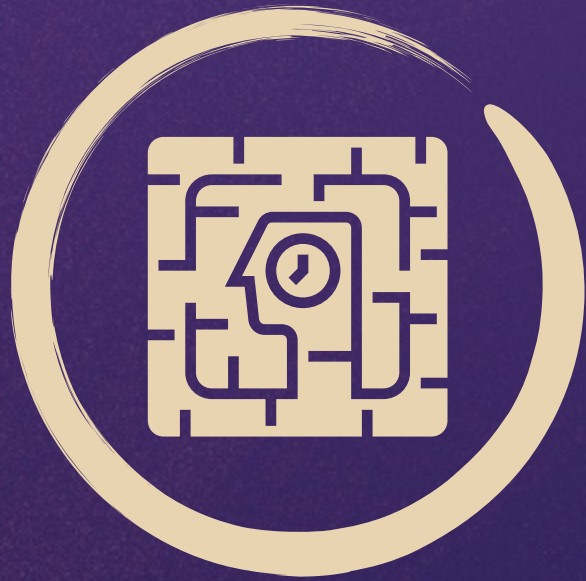


CROSSINGS

OLDER MEN APPOINTED TO LEAD GOD'S CHURCH

ELDERS

POSITION



ELDER

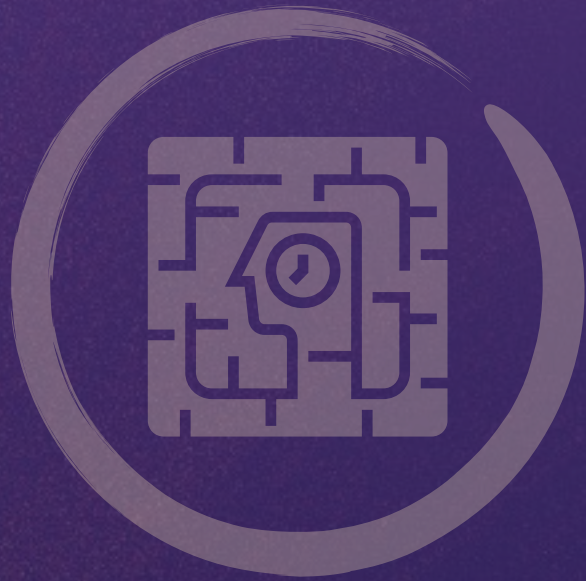
(or presbyter)

"not a recent convert"

1 Tim. 3:6

ACTS 20:17,28; 1 PETER 5:1-4

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OVERSEER

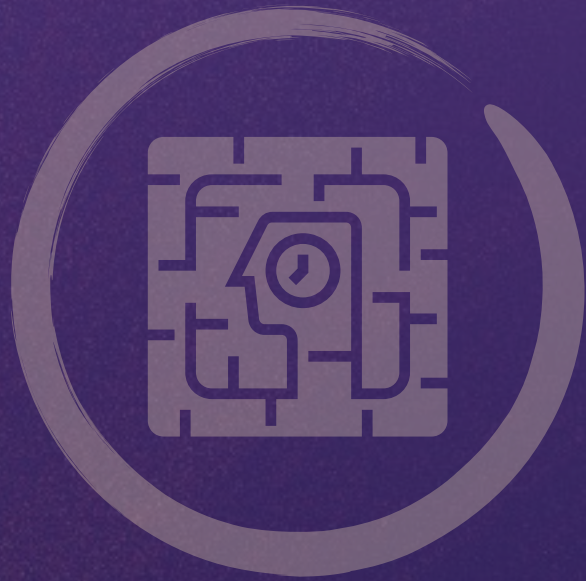
(or bishop)

"God's steward"

Tit. 1:7

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SHEPHERD

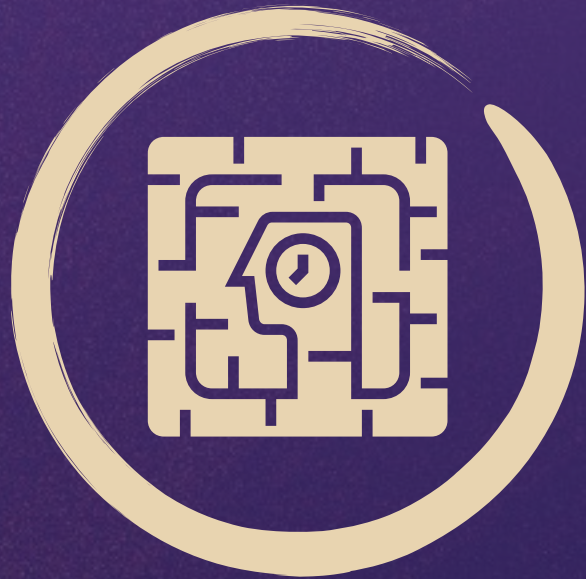
(or pastor)

*"shepherd the flock of
God that is among you"*

1 Pet. 5:1-2

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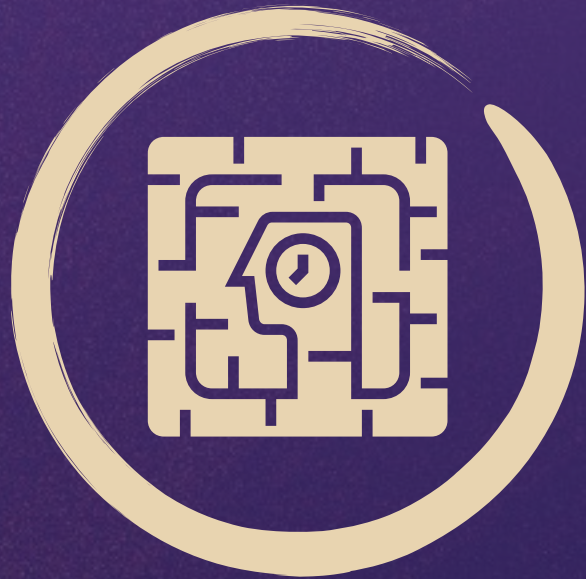


1 Tim. 4:14



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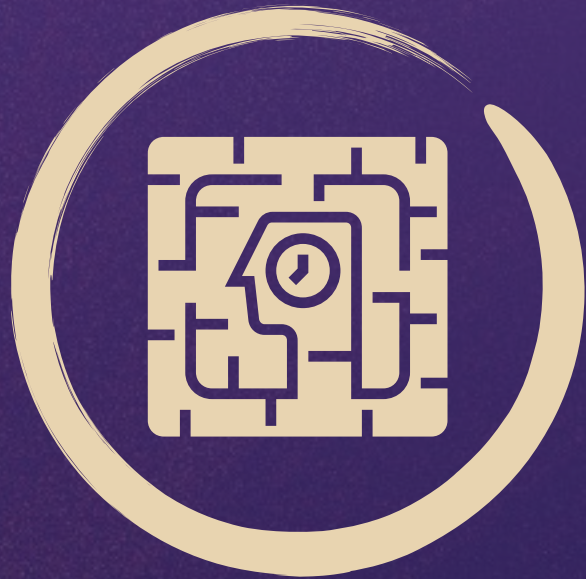
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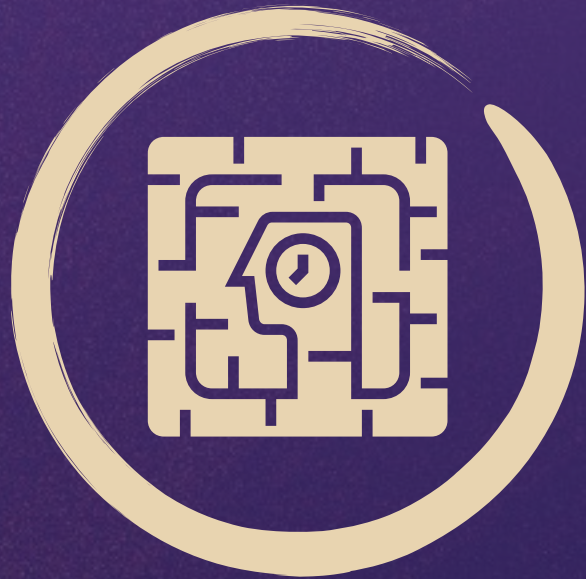


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*Committed protectors,
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THE ELDER'S

CHARACTER

1 Timothy 3:2–7; Titus 1:6–9

Not just about what he does, but **who he is.**

Gifts matter, but **character is critical.**

THE ELDER'S

CHARACTER

1 Timothy 3:14-15

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CHARACTER

“ABOVE REPROACH”

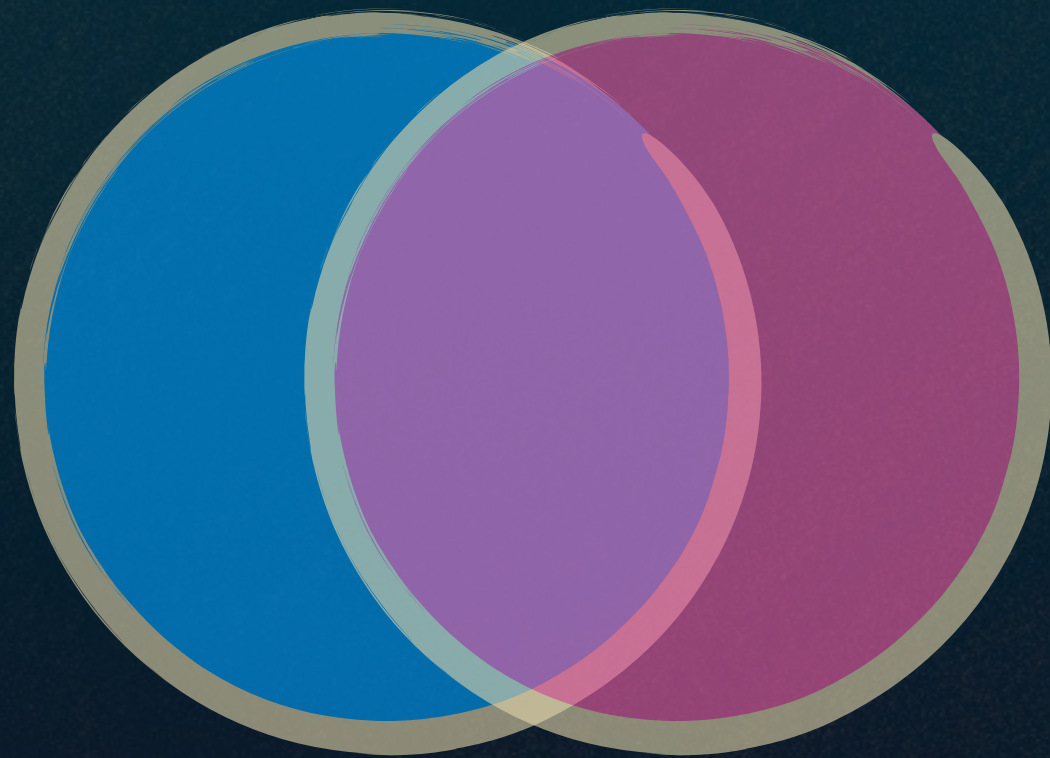
Blameless

Not a perfect person, but a person who deals with sins and failures in a way that leaves accusers without a legitimate “leg to stand on.”

TITUS 1:6; 1 TIMOTHY 3:2

OVERSEERS & DEACONS

The Qualifications for each in 1 Timothy 3



**6 of 9 Elder
Qualifications
in Common**

ELDER & DEACONS

Important Differences

- *Deacons aren't responsible for the general oversight of the church (3:5)*
- *Deacons don't have to be able to teach (3:2)*

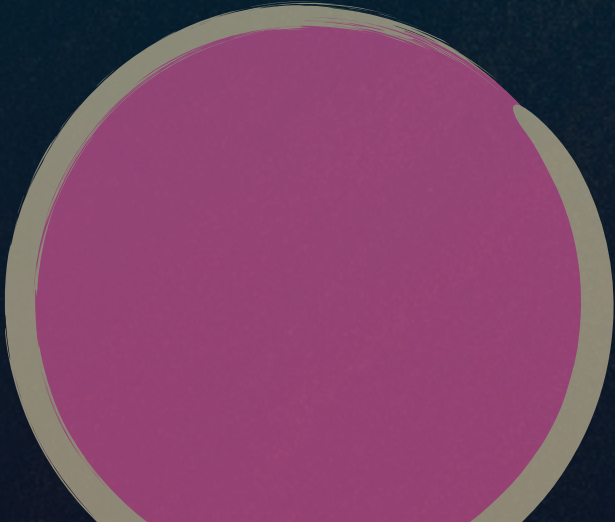
**Also no requirement noted for deacon hospitality or for elder's wives (3:2,11)*

OVERSEERS & DEACONS



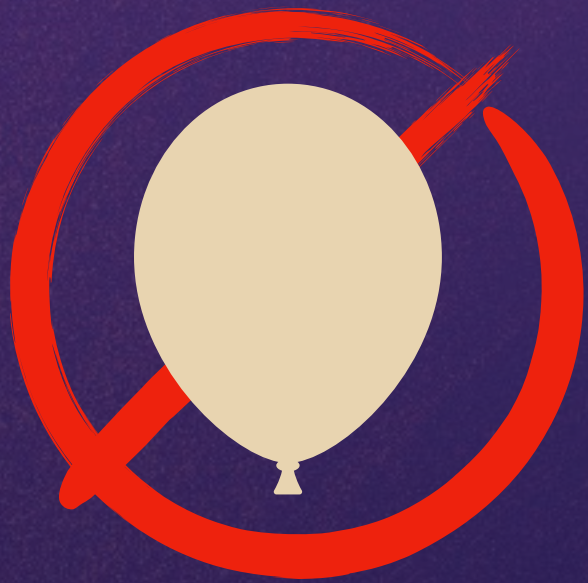
Paul's List to Titus

Titus 1:5-9 gives a similar list for elders, adding that children need to be "believers" (or "faithful")



CHARACTER

Honoring God in Their:

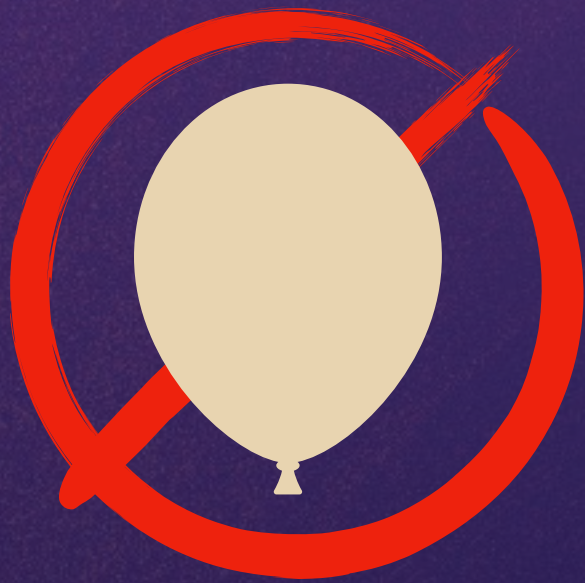


HUMILITY

*"not ...
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CHARACTER

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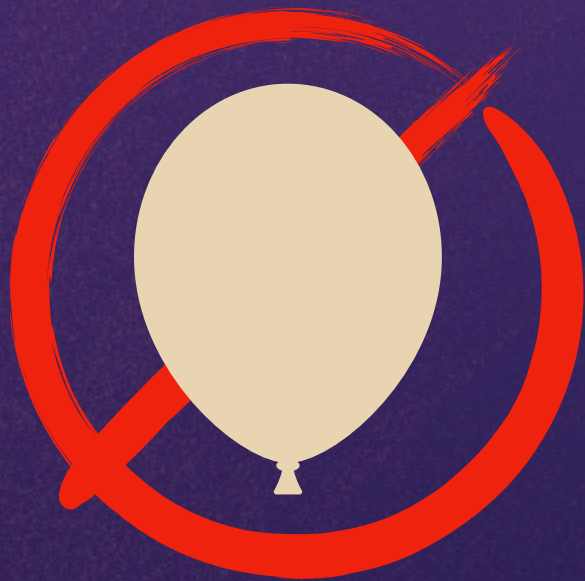


APPETITES

*"not ... a
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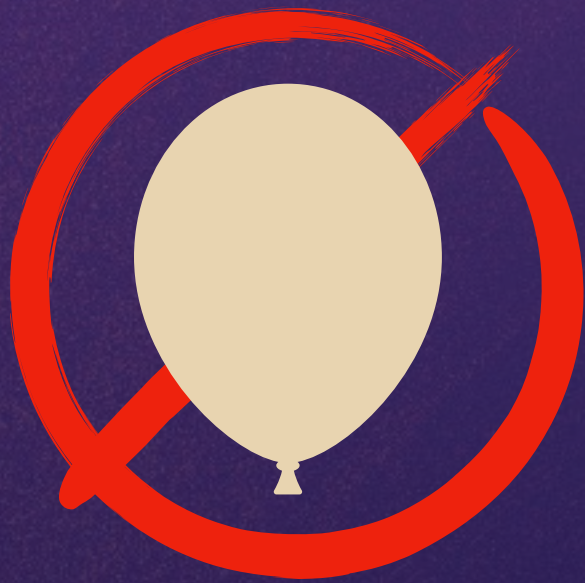


TEMPER

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FINANCES

*"not greedy
for gain"*

TITUS 1:7

CHARACTER

What Does He Love?

“hospitable, a lover of good”



THE MAN

TITUS 1:8; TIMOTHY 3:2-3,7

CHARACTER

What Does He Love?

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"sober-minded, self-controlled"

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What do Outsiders See?

*"well thought of by outsiders, so
that he may not fall into disgrace,
into a snare of the devil"*



THE MAN

TITUS 1:8; TIMOTHY 3:2-3,7

CHARACTER



THE WORD

Living It

"He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it"

1 TIMOTHY 3:2; Titus 1:9

CHARACTER



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Teaching It

"able to teach"

1 TIMOTHY 3:2; Titus 1:9

CHARACTER

A Good Husband

A “one-woman-man”



THE FAMILY

“husband of one wife”

TITUS 1:6; TIMOTHY 3:2,4,5

CHARACTER

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THE FAMILY

“husband of one wife”

“manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive”

“children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination”

A Good Dad

A father who has led his family into the faith.

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The word can mean “trustworthy” (1 Tim. 3:1,11) or “believers” (1 Tim. 4:12)

TITUS 1:6; TIMOTHY 3:2,4,5

CHARACTER



THE WORD



THE MAN



THE FAMILY

1 TIMOTHY 3:9-12; TITUS 1:5-9

Elders Need to Lead:



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ACTING DECISIVELY

"to choose men and send them"
(Prayerfully Lead)

Elders Need to Lead:



Hard to Find in the World.

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But God builds people like this in his church.

NEW ELDERS

Our elders are overseeing a process to fortify the church's eldership approaching the men & then putting forward those willing to serve for a period of consideration, encouraging the congregation to approach the men with any concerns.

Jesus Christ

Our Chief
Shepherd &
Overseer

**Who will
follow Jesus?**

*For you were straying like
sheep, but have now returned
to the Shepherd and Overseer
of your souls ...*

*And when the chief Shepherd
appears, you will receive the
unfading crown of glory*

(1 Peter 2:25; 5:4)

