

## Qualifications of Elders and Deacons & Characteristics all Christians should share

	<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Elder</b>	<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Christian</b>
1.	Blameless	1 Tim. 3:2; Tit. 1:6	1 Tim. 3:10	1 Tim. 6:14; 1 Cor. 1:8; Col. 1:22
2.	Husband of one wife	1 Tim. 3:2; Tit. 1:6	1 Tim. 3:12	
3.	Temperate	1 Tim. 3:2		Tit. 2:2
4.	Sober-minded	1 Tim. 3:2; Tit. 1:8		Tit. 2:2, 6
5.	Of good behavior	1 Tim. 3:2		Modest, 1 Tim. 2:9
6.	Hospitable	1 Tim. 3:2; Tit. 1:8		1 Pet. 4:9
7.	Able to teach	1 Tim. 3:2		2 Tim. 2:24
8.	Not given to wine	1 Tim. 3:3; Tit. 1:7	1 Tim. 3:8	Eph. 5:18; Tit. 2:3
9.	Not violent	1 Tim. 3:3; Tit. 1:7		Psalm 11:5; Matt. 5:38-39
10.	Not greedy for money	1 Tim. 3:3; Tit. 1:7	1 Tim. 3:8	Heb. 13:5; Tit. 1:11
11.	Gentle	1 Tim. 3:3		Tit. 3:2; 1 Pet. 2:18
12.	Not quarrelsome	1 Tim. 3:3		Tit. 3:2
13.	Not covetous	1 Tim. 3:3		Heb. 13:5
14.	Rules his own house well	1 Tim. 3:4	1 Tim. 3:12	Eph. 5:23, 6:4
15.	Children in submission	1 Tim. 3:4		1 Pet. 5:5
16.	Faithful children, not accused of dissipation or insubordination	Tit. 1:6		Eph. 5:18; 1 Pet. 4:4
17.	Not a novice	1 Tim. 3:6		
18.	Good testimony from outside church	1 Tim. 3:7		1 Pet. 2:12
19.	Not self-willed	Tit. 1:7		2 Pet. 2:10
20.	Not quick tempered	Tit. 1:7		Eccl. 7:9; Prov. 14:29; 16:32; 19:11
21.	Lover of good	Tit. 1:8		Gal. 5:22
22.	Just	Tit. 1:8		Lk. 23:50
23.	Holy	Tit. 1:8		1 Tim. 2:8
24.	Self-controlled	Tit. 1:8		Gal. 5:23; 2 Pet. 1:6
25.	Holding fast the faithful word	Tit. 1:9	1 Tim. 3:9	Mt. 6:24
26.	Reverent		1 Tim. 3:8	Tit. 2:12
27.	Not double-tongued		1 Tim. 3:8	Eph. 4:25
28.	Tested		1 Tim. 3:10	

## Definition of Terms

	<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Definition</b>
1.	Blameless	Without reproach. Not perfect. Not open to accusation
2.	Husband of one wife	Married, not single or a polygamist.
3.	Temperate	Vigilant, alert, free from the influence of intoxicants, mentally alert, watchful.
4.	Sober-minded	Sound mind, under control, well-balanced decision making.
5.	Of good behavior	Orderly, dignified, honest, courteous.
6.	Hospitable	Loving a stranger, open heart, open door, generous.
7.	Able to teach	Skilled in the ability to teach privately or publicly.
8.	Not given to wine	Free from influence of intoxicants, not quarrelsome as drunk.
9.	Not violent	Not striker, pushing back, easy to offend.
10.	Not greedy for money	Selfish, dishonest gain at the expense of others.
11.	Gentle	Patient, not easily provoked, considerate.
12.	Not quarrelsome	Not a brawler, abstains from physical or verbal battles, not contentious.
13.	Not covetous	Not money loving.
14.	Rules his own house well	Governs, manages home with respect and obedience from wife and children.
15.	Children in submission	Children obedient and orderly.
16.	Faithful children, not accused of dissipation or insubordination	Christian children. Dissipation is excess, debauchery, wild or rebellious. Insubordination is not subject to control, undisciplined.
17.	Not a novice	Not newly planted, or a new convert, lacks experience and knowledge.
18.	Good testimony from outside church	Public reputation outside of the church.
19.	Not self-willed	Arrogant, self-pleasing, inconsiderate of others, pushing own will.
20.	Not quick tempered	Slow to anger, in control, measured.
21.	Lover of good	Approving of good and excellent things, encouraging.
22.	Just	Passes righteous judgment, fair, impartial, free of prejudice.
23.	Holy	Religiously right, free of wickedness, devout toward God.
24.	Self-controlled	Temperate, moral control of self.
25.	Holding fast the faithful word	Know the truth, able to teach and defend it.
26.	Reverent	Serious, grave, dignified.
27.	Not double-tongued	Not two-faced, hypocrite.
28.	Tested	Already shown to be trustworthy.