



ELDER APPLICATION Wife's Assessment

"It is a trustworthy statement: If any man aspires to the office of overseer (elder), it is a fine work he desires to do."

-1 Timothy 3:1 NASB2020

1st Stage

- Part 1 – Introduction – FBCNB Elder role brief overview and outline of the application process
- Part 2 – Preliminary Information – Collects very basic “go/no go” information

2nd Stage

- Qualifications – Detailed self-assessment
- **Wife's self-assessment & input – If married, wife's self-assessment of herself relative to 1Tim3:11, her sense of God's call on their lives, and her position on her husband's suitability**
- References – No less than three references from people who know the applicant well

3rd Stage

- Theology, practical applications, & FBCNB alignment – Assessment of overall theological alignment, assurance of agreement with FBCNB's mission, vision, values, and Bylaws, and practical life applications
- Letter to congregation w/candidate list requesting prayer and encouragement for the candidates and board and noting the comment period where members may submit comments to the elder board.
(NOTE: Comments must be in person or signed written document. NO anonymous submissions will be accepted.)

4th Stage

- Face-to-face interviews (Minimum of two)

IV. 2nd Stage: Part 4 – Wife's self-assessment & input

In order for the man to be qualified for a leadership position in the church, his wife should also be evaluated in relation to the criteria in verse 1 Tim 3:11. Please evaluate yourself, BUT remember these characteristics ought to characterize the direction of your life. There is no expectation of perfection.

Please have your wife use the self-assessment file and email the completed file.

1) Must be dignified.

Do people view me as a person worthy of respect? Is my walk with God evident to all? Do I have a good reputation in the church, the workplace, and our home?

Dissatisfied 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Satisfied

2) Must not be a malicious gossip.

Am I prone to gossip? Is my speech marked by edification and encouragement or by criticism and complaint? Am I careful and trustworthy with confidential information?

Dissatisfied 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Satisfied

3) Must be temperate.

Do I display a Spirit-controlled ability to do all things in moderation, without being brought under the bondage of any habit? Is there anything that I take into my body that has control over me?

Dissatisfied 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Satisfied

4) Must be faithful in all things.

Do the adjectives faithful, reliable, dependable characterize my life? Do I seek the Lord daily, striving to walk in fellowship? Would my husband say I'm his biggest supporter and encourager?

Dissatisfied 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Satisfied

V. Unified (This is not relative to 1 Tim 3:11) – Is our relationship one of unity?

Does he enjoy spending time with you? Do you seek and value his advice and counsel? Do you mutually submit to one another in sacrificial love?

Dissatisfied 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Satisfied

I, as the nominee's wife, believe that my husband is scripturally qualified to be an elder and we're both called of God to take this step. I fully support him in this decision.

Signature _____ **Date** _____