

# Church Leadership

## (3) The Qualifications of a Leader

Timothy, the young pastor of the church of Ephesus, needed coaching on church leadership. Paul's instructions about Elder *qualifications* (ITim.3:2-7) were to address a crisis at Ephesus.

### *A noble calling...ITim.3:1*

What is one of the listed qualifications for an Elder? ITim.3:1a 2:11-15;

**It is only for a man. The restriction of 2:11-15 prohibits a woman from this role.**

According to 2:11-15, what are the (2) non-cultural, non-dated reasons for this? 2:11-15

**1. At creation the woman was the helpmate. 2. The woman was deceived in the first sin.**

What is the first identification of the true Elder? 3:1b ITim.6:10; Heb.11:16

**He aspires (orego; stretch out after) the function of overseer. Describes an outward act.**

What is the second identification of the true Elder? 3:1c see Mark10:42-44

**He desires (epithumeo; a passionate compulsion) eldership. Describes inward compulsion.**

Combine these two and how would the true Elder be identified?

**One who is outwardly working in the ministry because of an inward driving passion.**

And what about the work itself? How is eldership described? 3:1 see IThess.5:12-13

**It is a fine (kalos; good, noble, honest) work. But it is hard work, to exhaustion.**

### *The divine check and balance on church leadership...ITim.3:2-7*

Because a person "aspires and desires" does that alone qualify him for Eldership? ITim.5:22

**Absolutely not. The carefully examined qualifications must be passed. Don't be hasty!**

What is one "entrance" test? 3:6

**Not a new convert. Danger is conceit. Leadership is to be seasoned, proven.**

Why do you think God has wrapped so many qualifications around Church leadership?

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