

Attributes of an Elder Challenge to be Godly Saints

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

1. Above Reproach.....1 Tim 3:2, Titus 1:6
 - a. Impeccable spiritual and moral character
 - b. No serious charges in your life
 - c. Good reputation in and out of assembly
2. Husband of one wife.....1 Tim 3:2
 - a. Good moral life
 - b. Not multiple wives
3. Self-Controlled/sober minded.....1 Tim 3:2, Titus 1:8
 - a. Thoughts and actions exhibit wisdom and maturity
 - b. Food and Drink are not in excess
 - c. Spiritual Matters
4. Respectable.....1 Tim 3:2
 - a. Serious and earnest in character
 - b. Good Behavior
5. Hospitable.....1 Tim 3:2, Titus 1:8
 - a. Home is open to others
 - b. Love of strangers
6. Not a drunkard.....1 Tim 3:3, Titus 1:7
 - a. Does not abuse alcohol.
 - b. Shows control of His fleshly desires
7. Not violent, Gentle.....1 Tim 3:3, Titus 1:7
 - a. Is not known for using unrestrained physical force
 - b. Is not known for yelling
8. Not quarrelsome/quick tempered...1 Tim 3:3, Titus 1:7
 - a. Not contentious
 - b. Doesn't argue about everything
9. Not Greedy/lover of money.....1 Tim 3:3, Titus 1:7
 - a. Does not envy what others have
 - b. Is not driven by the love of money
10. Manages his house.....1 Tim 3:4
 - a. Maintains order without undue harshness.
11. Obedient Children 1 Tim 3:4, Titus 1:6
 - a. Raising children well in the Lord
 - b. Honors their parents
12. Mature Christian 1 Tim 3:6,
 - a. Is not a new believer for leadership
 - b. Spiritually and personally mature

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13. Well respected outside 1 Tim 3:7
 - a. Has a good reputation outside of home and assembly
14. Lover of Good Titus 1:8
 - a. Good people and Good Things
 - b. Not associated with shady, questionable or wrong things.
15. Upright..... Titus 1:8
 - a. Honest in his relations
16. HolyTitus 1:8
 - a. Lives a life separate from the world
17. Holds God's Word firm Titus 1:9
 - a. Careful to not follow a fad teaching
 - b. Studies God's Word in depth
18. Instructs in Sound Doctrine 1 Tim 3:2 Titus 1:9
 - a. Teaches a balanced diet of Biblical truth
 - b. No requirements concerning speaking acumen, education or physical attraction
19. Rebukes those that contradict Sound Doctrine Titus 1:9
 - a. Corrects those that dispute the truth

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