

## ACTS

### Defining Elders 1 Timothy 3:1-7

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#### 1. To rightly conduct themselves as the household of God, the local church will choose \_\_\_\_\_ men as Elders and Deacons to serve as their leaders.

- a. The description of the Elder is a trustworthy statement because it refers to an important \_\_\_\_\_ of the church in connection with its faith and life.
- b. The desire God gives a man for the office of Elder/ Overseer/Pastor is a \_\_\_\_\_ aspiration because it is a God honoring work.

*“The leaders of the church are known by three titles: Elders, Overseers, and Shepherds (or Pastors). Each of these three titles reflects the truth that these men are the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ’s headship in the churches.”*  
- Conrad Mbewe

#### 2. The Elder is to be a man who is above reproach—a man of good Christian character.

- a. He must be a one-woman man.
- b. He must have mental, behavioral and spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. He must be balanced and \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. He must be respectable.

- e. He must be hospitable.
- f. He must be able to teach the Scriptures.
- g. He must not be addicted to anything harmful.
- h. He must not be quick tempered or \_\_\_\_\_.
- i. He must be gentle and gracious.
- j. He must be a \_\_\_\_\_.
- k. He must be free from the love of money.
- l. He must \_\_\_\_\_ his household well.
- m. He must be a mature believer, not a recent convert.
- n. He must have a good reputation with those outside the church.
- o. He must be \_\_\_\_\_.
- p. He must love what is \_\_\_\_\_.
- q. He must care about what is just and right.
- r. He must be \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.
- s. He must be self controlled.

#### 3. The Lord requires each local flock to \_\_\_\_\_ respond to the shepherding ministry of their leaders.