Elders: Team Qualifications

1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7-8
Joseph Being Sold Into Egypt
God Speaks To Job
Rehoboam With His Counselors
Pharisees Talking With One Another
All these examples reveal that there are degrees of wisdom . . .

1. Righteous v.s. wicked

2. Spirit-filled v.s. not Spirit-filled
Do you want God’s will for you church?

. . . then choose Spirit-filled elders

. . . men who are God’s men
How To Discover God’s Men

2nd Study → Personal Qualifications

3rd Study → Qualifications Related To Responsibilities

4th Study → Team Qualifications
“Not Pugnacious . . .”

μη πληκτήν = “not a striker, not a fighter”

He is not a physical fighter . . .

• This man does not resort to physical violence to get his way.

• One who reacts calmly to difficult situations.

1 Tim. 3:3

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"Uncontentious . . ."

αμαχον = “not argumentative, not verbal violence, peaceable”

He is not argumentative . . .

• One who is reluctant to fight verbally for his own wishes.

• One who does not promote disunity or harmony.

1 Tim. 3:3
“Not Self-Willed . . .”

μη αυθαδη = “one who does not please himself”

He is not self-serving . . .

- One who is self-willed disregards the interests because he wants his own way.
- He is stubborn and arrogant.
- He seeks decisions that are consistent with the Lord’s will and what is best for others.

Titus 1:7
“Not Quick Tempered . . .”

μη οργιλον = “not prone to anger”

He is longsuffering . . .

• One who is slow to anger – not hot tempered.

• He is not prone to anger.
Gentle . . .

επιεκή = “forbearing, gentle, yields his rights”

He is forbearing with others . . .

• He is yielding, reasonable and considerate.
• He is gentle like a tamed animal.
• He does not hold a grudge.
• This is part of the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).
If We Select God’s Men

Our elders will be . . .

• Not be spiritually perfect but godly men

• Led by the Holy Spirit

• Team players – shepherding and overseeing per God’s will
Bees Produce Honey As A Team

A bee produces 1/12 of a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime.

All told, that's not even enough to sweeten a cup of tea. But just don't tell that to the worker bees, who spend their lives—roughly seven weeks—buzzing from flower to flower collecting nectar. In that span, a worker will have traveled about 37,400 miles (or one-and-a-half times the Earth's circumference) gathering the sweet stuff, according to the American Beekeeping Federation. But they can't do it alone. Eric Mussin, a honeybee expert at the University of California, Davis, says, "While the queen lays more than 1,000 eggs a day, other bees are busy feeding her, guarding the hive, and fanning the nectar with their wings to extract moisture, turning it into honey."
Phil. 2:2 - A Team Principle

φρονεω = “to think the same thought”

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Spirit-filled elders should be models of this principle
God’s Men Have God’s Heart

1 Peter 2:25 says, God is . . .

- Shepherd
- Overseer

. . . over our souls
How Shall We Respond?

1. Pursue holiness and knowledge of God
2. Submit to the Holy Spirit
3. Shepherd/oversee your family
4. Pray for guidance in selecting elders