Three Types of O.T. Leaders
Samuel Anoints Saul King
Saul Rejected From Being King
David
Anointed
King

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Two Types of N.T. Spiritual Leaders

Elders

Key Qualifications:
- Skilled Teacher
- Hospitable to strangers
- Not a new believer
- Children are believers

Their Ministry:
- Shepherding
- Skilled Teaching
- Overseeing

Deacons

Key Qualifications:
- Clean conscience
- Not double tongued

Their Ministry:
- Helping Elders
Who Are God’s Leaders?

Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, to those in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons...

Philippians 1:1

All of us

God’s Leaders
### Where They Appear Throughout The N.T.

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*Same Group of Men*
The Elders’ Priority – Word & Teaching

Let the elders who . . .

lead\(^1\) well
be considered worthy of double honor . . .

1 Timothy 5:17

\(^1\)Greek Word = “stand before, protective leadership care for, help, give aid”
Shepherdung Includes:

James 5:3-16

Matt. 18:15-20

Acts 20:29-32, 35
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**NOT:** wealth, position, power, friendship, charisma or skills . . .
Part I
Personal Qualifications
“Husband of one wife”

μιὰς γυναικὸς ἀνδρά = “one woman man”

Major views:

• Never divorced
• Must Be Married
• Completely devoted to his wife
“Hospitable”

φιλοξενον = “stranger love”

He loves strangers . . .

• This person shares his stuff
• He invites others into his home
• He gives his money to the needy
• He helps people
He does not love money . . .

• He is not greedy.
• Money is not a major focus of his life.
• He does not pursue money
“Not Fond of Sordid Gain”

μη αἰσχροκερδή = “not fond of sordid gain, shamelessly greedy for money, dishonest gain”

He honestly earns his living . . .

• He is honest in his work
• He does not cheat his customers
• He does not cheat the local and federal governments.
• He does not use the church.

Titus 1:7
He is not a new believer . . .

• This eliminates the new Christian from leadership.

• Jesus did not start ministry until He was 30 years of age.

• “Elders” were typically someone of an older age.
He lives a holy life . . .

- The elder lovingly seeks to please the Lord.
- He is committed to the Lord.
- His pattern of life is dedicated holy living.
Part 2
Qualifications Related To Responsibilities
“Able to Teach” - part 1

διδακτικὸν = “skilled at teaching”

• Occurs in only two N.T. passages
  • 1 Tim. 3:2
  • 2 Tim. 2:24

• Definition rests heavily on Greek lexicons
“Able to Teach” - part 2

διδακτικὸν = “skilled at teaching”

“skillful in teaching”
- Philo (Congr. 35; Praem. Poen. 27)
- Arndt, W. F. A Greek-English Lexicon
- Calvin, John. 1 Timothy
- Colin Brown, DNTT
- Danker and Bauer’s Greek-Lexicon

“apt and skillful in teaching”
- Thayer’s Greek Lexicon
“Able to Teach” - part 3

one qualified to teach - A. T. Robertson, Word Pictures

not merely given to teaching, but . . . skilled in it - Kenneth Wuest, 1 Timothy

both the willingness and the skill and ability to teach. - Heibert, First Timothy

highly skilled teacher - John MacArthur, 1 Timothy

skilled teacher - J. N. D. Kelly, The Pastoral Epistles
“Holds Fast To The Word”

αντεχομενον του κατα την διδαχην πιστου = “holds firmly, clings to the faithful teaching”

He is faithful to the truth . . .

• He believes all of it is the truth.
• He holds to sound teaching (2 Tim. 2:2)
• He is mindful of James 3:1-2.
• He is diligent (2 Tim. 2:15)
“Able to exhort . . . refute”

παρακαλεω  = “to call or exhort
... αντιλεγω  = “speak against or contradict”

He is able to defend the Word of God . . .

• He has a solid grasp of scripture. He is not dependent on someone else.

• He can explain scripture at the “drop of the hat.”

• He can identify error.
οικου καλως προισταμενον = “house well managed”

He caringly-manages his family. . .

• Προιστημενον has the sense of leading, control, and caring for.

• Same word used in 1 Tim. 5:17

• More than just organization - has a shepherd’s heart for his family.
“Children under control”

τεκνα . . . εν υποταγή = “children in submission”

His children obey him with respect . . .

• His children are in submission.

• His children respect him and do not despise or hate him.

• Titus 1:6 illustrates this principle . . .
Children are well behaved

μὴ ἐν κατηγορίᾳ ἀσωτίας αἰωνυποτακτα = not in accusation of dissipation or rebellion.

His children are not in rebellion . . .

- Children usually reflect their parents
- Rebellious children *usually* imply that there is something seriously wrong in the home.

Titus 1:6
His children believe . . .

- His children hold to the faith.
- This implies his children share his faith and are born again.
Part 3
Qualifications Related To Working With A Team
μὴ πληκτὴν = “not given to physical violence”

He is not a physical fighter . . .

• This man does not exhibit a pattern of physical violence.
  • He does not have to have his own way
  • It is contrasted to the next word . . .
“Gentle”

επιεκη = “forbearing, gentle, yields his rights”

He is forbearing with others . . .

• Has the sense of gentleness with a sense of grace towards others.
• He does not fight for himself.
• He yields his rights.
• His focus is eternal.

1 Tim. 3:3
“Not Self-Willed”

μη αυθαδη = “one who does not please himself”

He is not self-serving . . .

• He does not have a pattern of promoting himself.

• He encourages others at his own expense.
“Uncontentious”

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

He is not an arguer. . .

- Among the leadership this translates to not being the king of many mountains.
- This does not preclude the elder from taking a firm position on issues. He seeks unity of purpose and mind.
- He is not a debater.
μη οργιλον  = “not prone to anger”

He is longsuffering . . .

• This elder is slow to anger.
• He seeks “to bring others along.”
• He is justly angry over sin.

Titus 1:7
We Are Looking For

Men Who Are Already Elders
Elders are Elders

because they are Elders