

# ***Elders: General & Personal Qualifications***

**1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9**

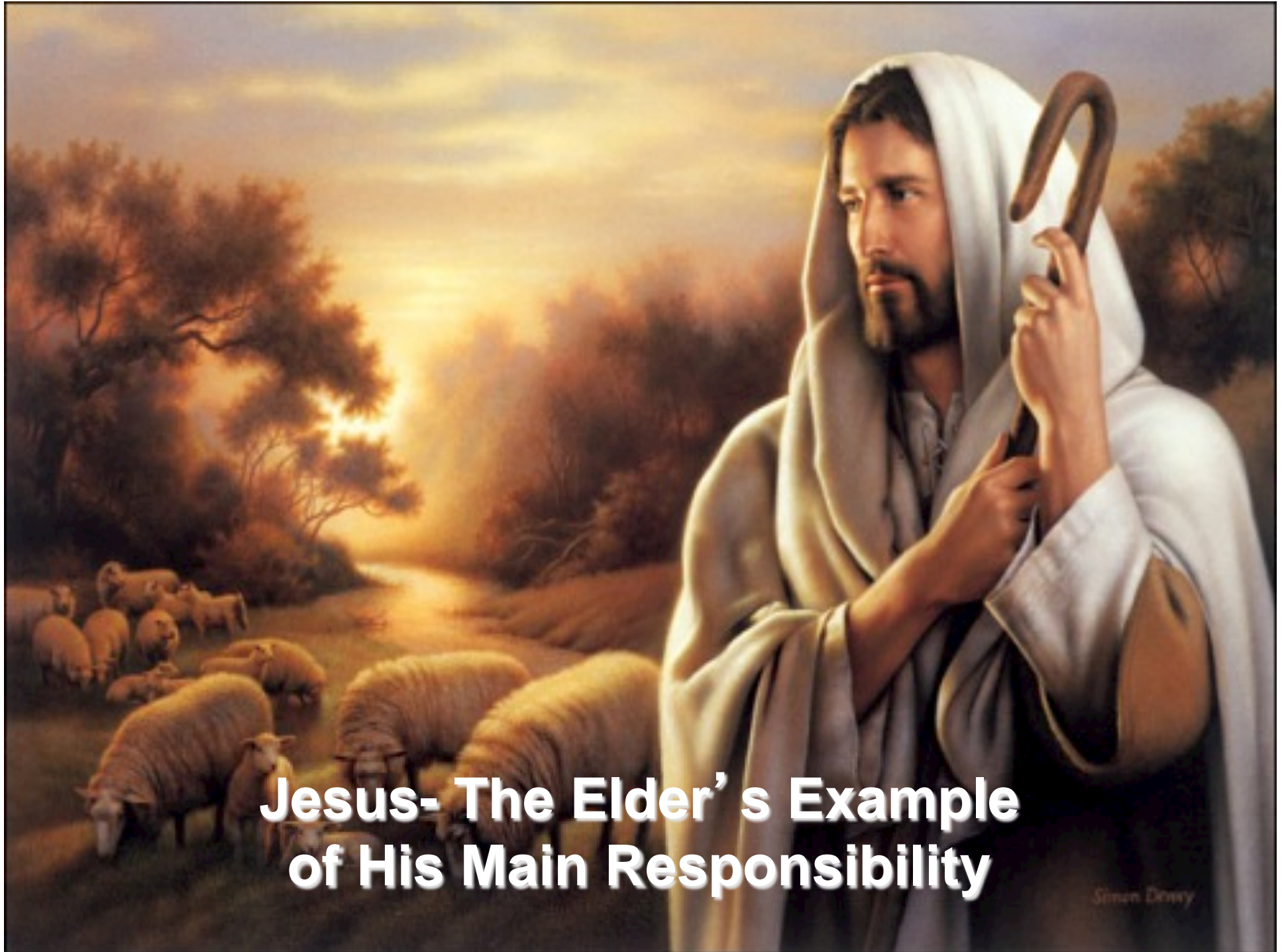


# Is Leadership - Decision Making?



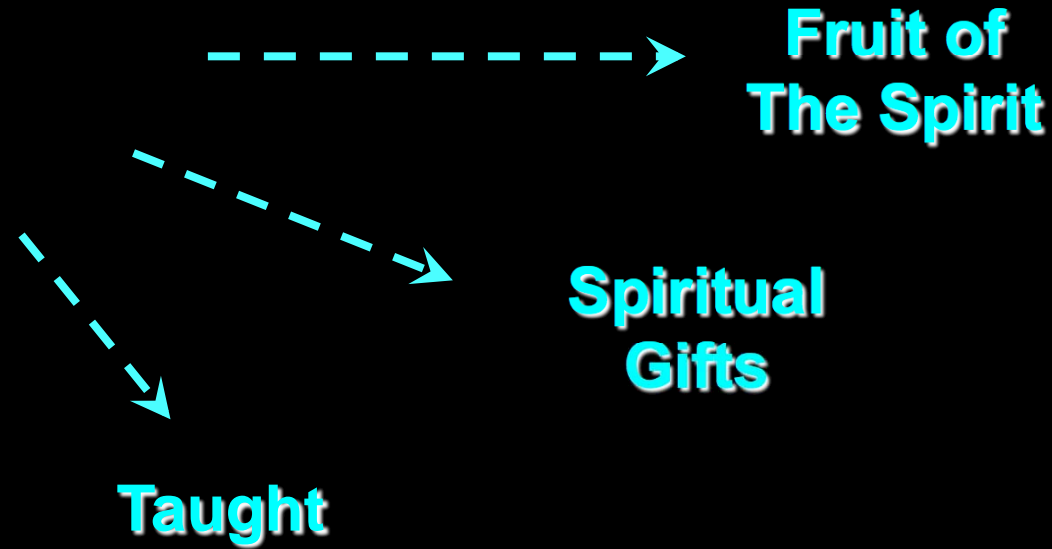
**Decision #1**

**Decision #2**



**Jesus- The Elder's Example  
of His Main Responsibility**

*Simon Dwyer*



# God's Elders Are Prepared By The Holy Spirit

***Elders Are Elders***

***Because They Are Elders!***



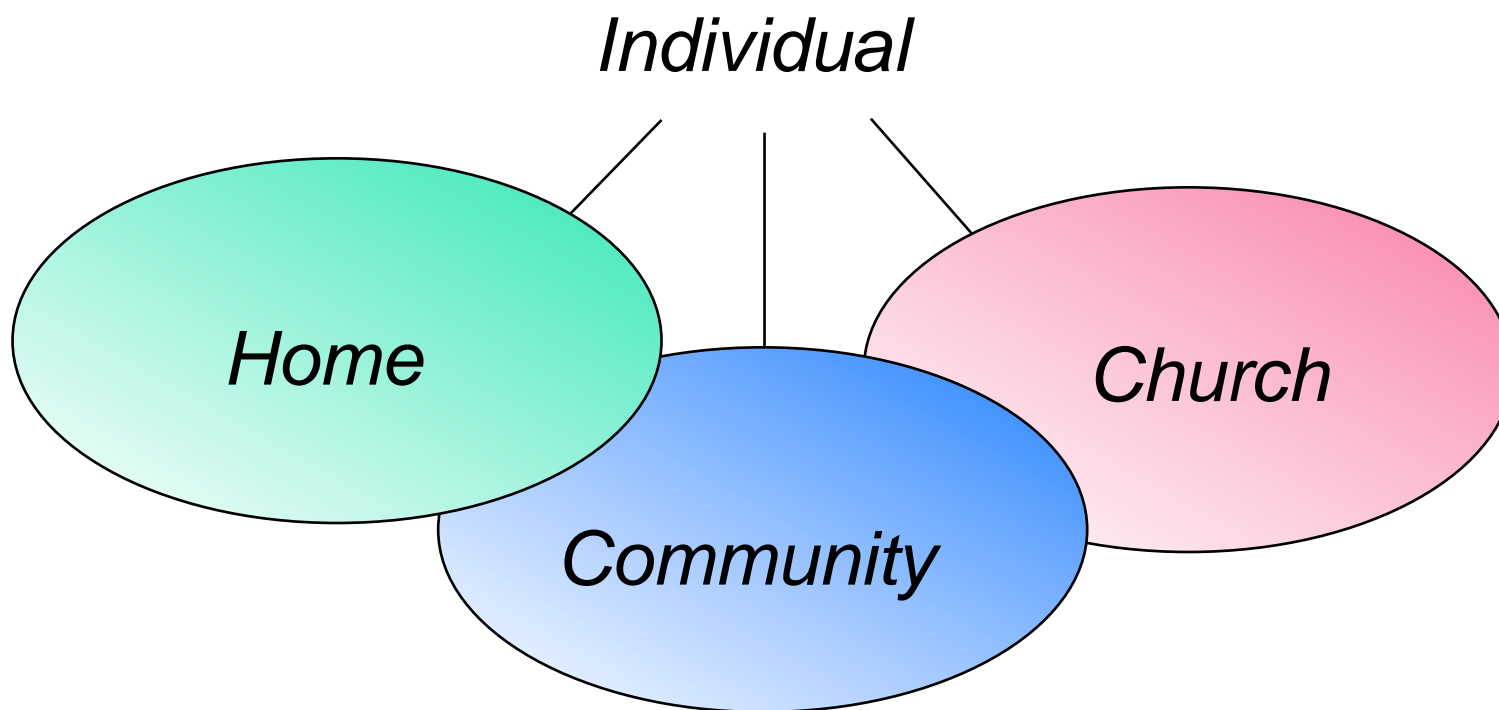
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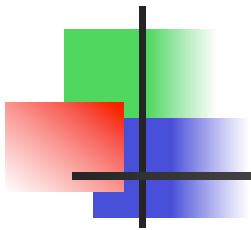
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- **Given in 1 Tim. 3:1-7 & Titus 1:5-9**
- **Marks of Spiritual Maturity**

**Measure of  
God's Leader . . .**

# Qualifications Cover All Areas





# Part I – General Principle





# “Above Reproach”

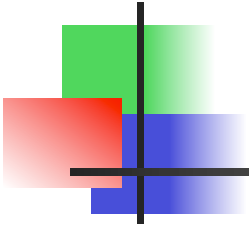
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**ανεπιλημπτον = “one cannot be validly accused”**

**There are no valid damaging accusations  
against him . . .**

**- no valid criticism**

**This Is The Requirement  
- Specifics Follow**



# Part II – Personal Marks

**Specifics**



# “Husband of one wife”

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μιας γυναικος ανδρα = “one woman man”

## Major views:

- Not a polygamist
- Not a widower
- Never divorced
- Not single
- **Completely devoted to his wife**



# “Not a New Convert”

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μη νεοφυτον = “not newly planted”

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.**



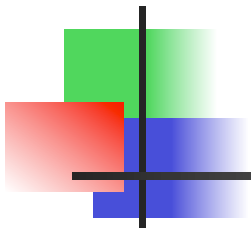
# “Temperate”

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νηφαλιον = “sober, wineless”

He is **“clear headed.”**

- **Avoids excesses and extremes**
- **Not out of control**



# “Prudent”

**σωφρωνα = “well-disciplined, self-controlled”**

**He wisely establishes priorities . . .**

**“the idea of a correct way of reasoning, but also a sense of moderation . . .”**



**emphasis on  
his thinking**

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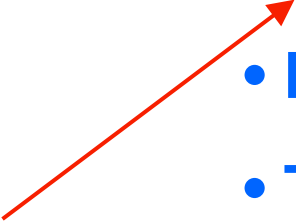
# “Respectable”

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**κοσμιον = “well-behaved, modest, respectable”**

**He is respected . . .**

**emphasis on  
his conduct**

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- **His life is well ordered and honorable.**
  - **The person is well-behaved or virtuous.**
  - **He is not a ball of confusion.**
  - **He is virtuous.**



# “Hospitable”

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φιλοξενον = “stranger love”

He loves strangers . . .

- This person shares his stuff
- He **loves strangers**
- He invites others into his home





# “Not Addicted To Wine . . .”

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**μη παροινον = “not given to wine, not a drunkard”**

**He does not have a reputation of drunkenness. . .**

- He is not controlled by wine. . .
- This is an issue of self-control . . .



# “Free From Love of Money”

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αφιλαργυρον = “not a lover of money”

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”

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μη αισχροκερδη = “not fond of sordid gain, 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.



# “Devout”

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**οσιος = “holy, devout, dedicated”**

**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.**



# “Just”

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δικαιον = “law-abiding, upright, honest, good”

He “**observes the right**” . . .

- **Personal** -The elder obeys the laws of the land, and seeks to bring out the good in his family.
- **Others** -This elder seeks justice for all, including the widows, orphans, and poor.



# “Loving What Is Good”

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φιλαγαθος = “loving good things”

He “**loves the good**” . . .

- He must understand what is good.
- He loves the good such as:
  - Being generous
  - Honest people



# God's Expectation Is High

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**God's High Standard  
For Leaders**



**Godly Patterns  
For All**

**Elders Should  
Be Followable**



**Hebrews 13:7**