

## Church Leadership: Elders pt.4

### Introduction:

In vv. 2-7, Paul presents fourteen descriptions of the above-reproach overseer, whose example in character, competency, and consistency instructs the church in how it is to continually conduct itself as God's household.

#### • The Overarching Trait: Above Reproach

1. The Character of Marital Fidelity
2. The Character of Temperance
3. The Character of Sensibility
4. The Character of Respectability
5. The Character of Hospitality
6. The Character and Competency in Teaching

Internal self-mastery does not stop at inward restraint or outward service; it must also endure under the pressures of ordinary life. That is seen in v.3.

7. The Character of Freedom from \_\_\_\_\_

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9. The Character of \_\_\_\_\_

10. The Character of \_\_\_\_\_

11. The Character of Freedom from \_\_\_\_\_

**Application:**

- Where your life is marked by sinful excess, repent by returning under the gracious and freeing rule of Christ.
- As you submit again to Christ's lordship, receive from Him the gentleness and contentment He alone produces.
- How does trusting the sovereignty and providence of God free you from grasping for control or relief?