



MATURING FAMILY

Taking further steps to grow

SUBMIT TO
ONE ANOTHER
OUT OF FEAR OF CHRIST

AND HE PERSONALLY **GAVE SOME TO BE**
APOSTLES, SOME PROPHETS, SOME EVANGELISTS, SOME
PASTORS AND TEACHERS, **FOR THE TRAINING** OF
THE SAINTS IN THE WORK OF MINISTRY,
TO BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST,
UNTIL WE ALL REACH UNITY IN THE FAITH AND IN THE
KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S SON, GROWING INTO A
MATURE MAN WITH A STATURE MEASURED BY CHRIST'S
FULLNESS.

Ephesians 4:11-13

DESCRIPTION OF THE ROLE

PRESBUTEROS: ELDER

properly, a mature man having seasoned judgment (experience); an elder.

EPISKOPOS: OVERSEER

used with reference to the supervising function exercised by an elder

Literal "keep an eye on" or "Look Intently"

POIMÉN: SHEPHERD

properly, a shepherd ("pastor" in Latin); (figuratively) someone who the Lord raises up to care for the total well-being of His flock



QUALITIES TO OVERSEE

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WOULD YOU HIRE ME?

Steve Jobs

1955-2011



This saying is trustworthy: “If anyone aspires to be an overseer, he desires a noble work.” An overseer, therefore, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, self-controlled, sensible, respectable, hospitable, an able teacher, not addicted to wine, not a bully but gentle, not quarrelsome, not greedy — one who manages his own household competently, having his children under control with all dignity.

I Timothy 3:1-7

(If anyone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of God's church?)

He must not be a new convert, or he might become conceited and fall into the condemnation of the Devil. Furthermore, he must have a good reputation among outsiders, so that he does not fall into disgrace and the Devil's trap.

The reason I left you in Crete was to set right what was left undone and, as I directed you, to appoint elders in every town: one who is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of wildness or rebellion. For an overseer, as God's administrator, must be blameless, not arrogant, not hot-tempered, not addicted to wine, not a bully, not greedy for money, but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, righteous, holy, self-controlled, holding to the faithful message as taught, so that he will be able both to encourage with sound teaching and to refute those who contradict it.

Titus 1:5-9

QUALITIES TO OVERSEE

PERSONALITY/CHARACTER

- TEMPERATE
- SELF-CONTROLLED
- HOSPITABLE
- DISCIPLINED
- NOT VIOLENT, BUT GENTLE
- NOT QUARRELSOME
- NOT OVERBEARING
- NOT QUICK-TEMPERED

QUALITIES TO OVERSEE

SPIRITUAL QUALITIES

- NOT A RECENT CONVERT
- LOVES WHAT IS GOOD
- HOLY
- UPRIGHT
- ABLE TO TEACH (SOUND DOCTRINE)
- HOLDS FIRMLY TO THE GOSPEL MESSAGE
 - TEACH TRUTH AND REFUTE FALSEHOOD

QUALITIES TO OVERSEE

REPUTATION

- GOOD REPUTATION WITH OUTSIDERS
- RESPECTABLE
- ABOVE REPROACH
- BLAMELESS
- NOT GIVEN TO DRUNKENNESS
- NOT A LOVER OF MONEY
- NOT PURSUING DISHONEST GAIN

QUALITIES TO OVERSEE **LEADERSHIP SKILLS**

- HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE
- MANAGES HIS OWN FAMILY WELL
- SEE THAT HIS CHILDREN OBEY HIM WITH PROPER RESPECT
- HIS CHILDREN BELIEVE, AND ARE NOT OPEN TO THE CHARGE OF BEING WILD AND DISOBEDIENT

WE ARE LOOKING FOR **QUALITIES**
NOT QUALIFICATIONS

“He must be married, he must be without pride; he must be temperate; and he must combine prudence of mind with excellence of outward behavior.”

Diogenes Laertius' sketch of a Stoic's good man

“He must be prudent, self-controlled, sober, frugal, enduring in toil, intelligent, without love of money, neither young nor old, if possible the father of a family, able to speak competently, and of good reputation.

Odosander - Character of Ideal Commander

HOW TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

U.S. CONSTITUTION'S REQUIREMENTS FOR A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

✓ NATURAL BORN CITIZEN

✓ MINIMUM AGE 35 YEARS

✓ U.S. RESIDENT 14 YEARS



STEP 1 PRIMARIES AND CAUCUSES

There are many people who want to be President, each with their own ideas about how government should work.

People with similar ideas belong to the same political party, this is where primaries and caucuses come in.

Candidates from each political party campaign through the country to win the favor of their party members.



STEP 2 NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

At each convention, the presidential candidate chooses a running mate (Vice Presidential candidate).

Each party holds a national convention to select a final presidential nominee.

IN A PRIMARY
Party members vote for the best candidate that will represent them in the general election.

IN A CAUCUS
Party members select the best candidate through a series of discussions and votes.

The presidential candidates campaign throughout the country to win the support of the general population.



STEP 3 GENERAL ELECTION

People in every state across the country vote for one President and Vice President.

When people cast their vote, they are actually voting for a group of people called **electors**.

STEP 4 ELECTORAL COLLEGE

In the electoral college system, each state gets a certain number of electors based on its representation in Congress.

Each elector casts one vote following the general election, and the candidate who gets more than half (270) wins.

The newly elected President and Vice President are inaugurated in January.



... And I approve this message.



538
ELECTORAL
VOTES



270
VOTES



QUALITY OF **EXPERIENCE**

- LIFE TESTED
- LOCALLY INVESTED
- RELATIONSHIP ORIENTED

Galatians 6:9-10

So we must not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, we must work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith.

QUALITY OF **CHARACTER**

- MATURE IN THE FAITH
- ADMIRABLE FAMILY LIFE
- **HUMBLE SHEPHERD**

“**Believing Children?**” - Titus 1:6

- **TRUTH DEFENDER**
Since conversion is a supernatural gift of God then the elder should have **the quality of leading his household toward faith**, giving his children every reason to come to faith while living with him and after they have left

QUALITY OF **VISION**

SHEPHERDS HAVE **OVERARCHING VISION** FOR WHERE TO LEAD AND HOW TO CARE FOR THE FLOCK...THEY **LEARN IT FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.**

PSALM 23



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

- **Organizationally**

- **Who do you think of when you read the resume of elder qualities?**

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

- **Personally**
- **How are you building your resume?**
 - Experience - are you living out your faith?
 - Character - are you investing in your character?
 - Vision - do you have God's vision for yourself, family, ministry?



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