

BLAMELESS

Courageous Message Series Week 4

1 Timothy Chapter 3

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Required traits of a church elder from 1 Timothy 3:

1. Competency

- Able to teach (1 Timothy 3:2)
- Leadership (1 Timothy 3:4-5)

2. Blameless character

- Faithful to his wife (1 Timothy 3:2)
One-woman man
- Self-controlled (1 Timothy 3:2)
Not impulsive or given to rash decision making
- Sensible (1 Timothy 3:2)
Able to think clearly and with clarity
- Respectable (1 Timothy 3:2)
Respected by their peers
- Hospitable (1 Timothy 3:2)
Creates environments where others feel welcomed

- Free from addiction (1 Timothy 3:3)
Under the control of the Holy Spirit
- Gentle (1 Timothy 3:3)
Not manipulative or coercive
- Peaceable (1 Timothy 3:3)
Peacemaking vs. peacekeeping
- Generous (1 Timothy 3:3)
In time, talent, and treasure
- Seasoned (1 Timothy 3:6)
Not new to the faith
- Good reputation with outsiders (1 Timothy 3:7)
Respected by all

Resources:

Book: *Church Elders: How to Shepherd God's People Like Jesus* by Jeramie Rinne

Podcast: Watermark Community Church: Church Leadership Podcast, *1 Timothy 3:1-7 | Qualifications for Elders*, March 18, 2026, Episode 196