

Notes:

BRIEF HISTORY

- Elder — presbuteros — 66x in NT — indicates “seasoned male overseer”
- Overseer — episkopos — 5x in NT — bishop, overseer
- Elder indicates their position
- Overseer indicates their function
- Officiated or conducted or led worship
- Managed correction, rebuke, and discipline.
- Settled disputes, served as arbiters
- Exercised a fatherly oversight over spiritual and material affairs

MARKED BY CHARACTER

- Above Reproach — 1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:6-7
- Sober-minded — 1 Timothy 3:2
- Self-controlled — 1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:8
- Lover of good — Titus 1:8
- Upright — Titus 1:8
- Not arrogant — Titus 1:7
- Not a drunkard — 1 Timothy 3:3, Titus 1:7
- Not violent but gentle
- Not quarrelsome

MARKED BY COMPETENCE

- Able to teach and train — 1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:9
- Hospitable — 1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:8
- Exhibits regular, consistent growth — 1 Timothy 3:6

MARKED BY COMMITMENT

- Respectable, respected — 1 Timothy 3:2,7
- Disciplined — Titus 1:8 —
- Family Man — 1 Timothy 3:2, 3:4, Titus 1:6
- Steward — 1 Timothy 3:3, Titus 1:7
- Protector
- Pray-er

THIS WEEK

1. Be the best (that you can be) — Strive to be the best man you can be.
2. Character — put a premium on developing a heart of godly character...more than developing a heart of good character.
3. Pass it on — teach and train others...this is discipleship
4. Guard — stand guard for your family and for yourself.