

- This is a trustworthy saying: "If someone aspires to be an elder, he desires an honorable position."
- ² So an elder must be a man whose life is above reproach. He must be faithful to his wife. He must exercise self-control, live wisely, and have a good reputation. He must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must be able to teach.
 - ³ He must not be a heavy drinker or be violent. He must be gentle, not quarrelsome, and not love money.

- ⁴ He must manage his own family well, having children who respect and obey him.
- ⁵ For if a man cannot manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church?
- ⁶ An elder must not be a new believer, because he might become proud, and the devil would cause him to fall.
- ⁷ Also, people outside the church must speak well of him so that he will not be disgraced and fall into the devil's trap.

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- Power demands character



Please remember that there are two sides to every story and that the leadership side will always be at a disadvantage.

Community can be contagious – both in a positive way and a negative way.

At the very least, believe that the leadership has in mind the best intentions for the church.

Sometimes, the majority is wrong

Remember, there are people dedicated to the health of the church on a full-time basis.

If serving is beneath you then leadership is beyond you.

Leadership, as a life to be modeled, is very intimidating.

Pray for us because believe it or not, we are human.