

Elder characteristics/What kind of men are they to be?/What do they do?

- Gal. 6:1, Titus 1:9: Very solid spiritually & Biblically so as to be able to understand and teach truth & oppose error, from both a moral character/practical and theological point of view
- I Tim 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9, I Peter 5:1-4
Men of Godly character, Spirit ruled, gentle, not quarrelsome, patient, not greedy, not a drunkard, a one-woman-man, life such that his children respect him, respectable, have a good reputation, eager to serve, faithful, hospitable, an encourager, not a new convert, mature, self-controlled, loves what is good, an example for the church to follow, an imitator of Christ, knowledgeable about the Word, moral, disciplined, not overbearing, reasonable, not greedy, hospitable, humble, sober-minded, courageous, even-tempered, peaceable, “right with God” and others
- I Tim 4:14, Set apart those to work as an evangelist; spiritual gift came by the laying on of hands by Paul, II Tim 1:6
- James 5:14-15, Pray for and comfort the sick