

Elder Characteristics/Responsibilities

SPECIFIED OF AN ELDER:

Aspires/Desires

Above Reproach/Blameless

The Husband of One Wife

Temperate/Sober

Prudent/Vigilant

Respectable/Of Good Behavior

Hospitable

Able to Teach

Not Addicted to Wine

Not Pugnacious

Gentle/Not Covetous

Peaceable/Patient

Not a Greedy Lover of Money

Manages His Own Household Well/With Children Under Control/Dignity/Gravity

Not a New Convert

Good Reputation Outside the Church

SPECIFIED CHRISTIAN MATURITY:

Trusted Spiritual Intimacy With Those He Shepherds

Tenderness

Concern for Others' Spiritual Well-being

Competence

Hard Working

Willing to Suffer for Christ's Name

Love of God and Others

Faithfulness

Spiritual Alertness

Discernment

Courage

Humility

Willingness

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Teach/Preach/Counsel

Develop/Refine Doctrine

Biblical Church Discipline

Guard Against Apostasy

Safeguard Stewardship

Deep Relationship with the Assembly

Prayer for the Congregation/Leadership

Lead by Life Example

Lead in Plurality – Submitted to God and the Other Elders