

Qualities of a Biblical Elder Regarding Divorce and Remarriage:

- **Must be a True Believer**

- Must have been foreknown (by God), predestined to salvation/eternal life with God (chosen by God/sovereign election by God), effectually called (by God), regenerated (by God), granted faith (by God), granted repentance/godly sorrow (by God), converted (by God), justified (by God), adopted (by God), being sanctified (by God), persevering (by God), to be glorified (by God).
- United with Jesus Christ, indwelt by the Holy Spirit. A recipient, by grace alone, through faith alone, in all the benefits of the Cross/Blood of Christ Jesus.

- **Currently be living as: a believer in patterns/practices/walks/ways.**

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (NASB95)

¹ It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires *to do*. ² An overseer, then, must be **above reproach**, the **husband of one wife**, **temperate**, **prudent**, **respectable**, **hospitable**, **able to teach**, ³ **not addicted to wine** or **pugnacious**, but **gentle**, **peaceable**, **free from the love of money**. ⁴ *He must be* one who **manages his own household well**, keeping his **children under control with all dignity** ⁵ (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), ⁶ **and not a new convert**, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. ⁷ And he must **have a good reputation with those outside the church**, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Are these attributes of a man, aspiring to be an overseer, to be understood as true **historically** and/or **presently**????

How are **you** making the distinction???? {Grammar and Theological Understanding}

- **Currently** be living as a “one woman man”

1 Timothy 3:2-7 (NASB95)

² . . . the husband of one wife, . . . “man one woman”

an (lit. “the”) – article (“an” indefinite/non-specific adjective) (“the” definite/specific adjective), accusative (case - corresponding to the direct object), singular, masculine

overseer – noun, accusative (case - corresponding to the direct object), singular, masculine

then – conjunction

must – verb, 3rd person singular, **present** (tense - current event or state of being), **active** (voice - subject as acting), indicative (mood - statement is declarative)

be – verb, **present** (tense - current event or state of being), **active** (voice - subject as acting), **infinitive** (“to” form - of being)

above reproach – adjective, accusative (case - corresponding to the direct object), singular, masculine

the husband (lit. “man”) – noun, accusative (case - corresponding to the direct object), singular, masculine

of one – adjective, genitive (case - of possession), singular, feminine

wife (lit “woman”) – noun, genitive (case of possession), singular, feminine

- **Determined by God** to be an Elder of a particular local sacred assembly (ies), in gathered by God. **Recognized by man.**

- **“Husband of one wife.”**

John 4:16-18 (NASB95)

¹⁶ He said* to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." ¹⁷ **The woman answered and said, "I have no husband."** Jesus said* to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ **for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband;** this you have said truly."

1 Corinthians 6:15-20 (NASB95)

¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are **members of Christ?** Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them **members of a prostitute?** May it never be! ¹⁶ Or do you not know that **the one who joins himself to a prostitute is one body with her?** For He says, **"THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH."** ¹⁷ But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*. ¹⁸ Flee immorality. Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰ For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

Matthew 5:27-30 (NASB95)

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY'; ²⁸ but I say to you that **everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.** ²⁹ "If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ "If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.

- Examples of Elders
 - Abraham –
 - Genesis 16:1-7
 - Romans 4:9-12
 - James 2:21-26
 - Genesis 12:10-20
 - Genesis 20
 - Moses –
 - Exodus 2:11-15
 - Numbers 12:1-15
 - David –
 - 2 Samuel 11
 - Acts 13:21-24
 - Paul –
 - Acts 7:54-60
 - Acts 9:1-22
 - 1 Timothy 1:12-17
 - Matthew 5:21-22
 - Philipians 3:3-14

- 1 Timothy 3:8-13

1 Timothy 3:8-13 (NASB95)

⁸ **Deacons likewise** must be men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain, ⁹ but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach. ¹¹ Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things. ¹² **Deacons must be husbands of only one wife**, and good managers of their children and their own households. ¹³ For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

- Acts 14:21-23/Titus 1:5-9

Acts 14:21-23 (NASB95)

²¹ After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God." ²³ When **they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.**

Titus 1:5-9 (NASB95)

⁵ For this reason I left you in Crete, **that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you.** ⁶ namely, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion. ⁷ For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, ⁸ but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled, ⁹ holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.