Qualifications for Elders and Deacons

Bible references:

1 Timothy 3:1-11, Titus 1:6-9, 1 Peter 5:1-4, Acts 6:3, Acts 14:23 NKJV

The table lists the biblical qualifications for an individual to serve in the office of elder or deacon. Green boxes to the right indicate a particular qualification is listed in scripture. Black boxes indicate a criteria is not listed as a qualification for the role, although it may be inferred in some cases.

i.e. blue qualifications are for both elders and deacons, orange are for elders, yellow are for deacons.

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