

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.

BIBLICAL QUALIFICATION	ELDER	DEACON
Blameless		
The husband of one wife		
Temperate		
Not given to wine		
Not a novice		
Not greedy for money		
Holding to the Faith with a pure conscience		
Rules own household well		
Children are faithful and in submission		
Sober-minded		
Good behaviour		
Hospitable		
Able to teach		
Able to exhort and convict		
Able to shepherd		
Ordained		
Gentle		
Not quarrelsome		
Not covetous		
Not violent		
A good testimony outside the Church		
Not self-willed		
Lover of good		
Just		
Holy		
Not by compulsion		
Not for dishonest gain		
Not as a lord		
Example to the flock		
Reverent		
Full of the Holy Spirit		
Full of wisdom		
Not double-tongued		
Tested		
Wife to be reverent		
Wife not a slanderer		
Wife to be temperate		
Wife to be faithful in all things		