

ELDERS



Function

Elders, as the spiritual overseers of the church, are to determine church policy (Acts 15:22); ordain others (1 Timothy 4:14); rule, teach, and preach (1 Timothy 5:17); exhort and refute (Titus 1:9); and act as shepherds, setting an example for all (1 Peter 5:1-3). Those responsibilities put elders at the core of the New Testament church's work.

Qualifications

(1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9)

He must hold fast the faithful word. He must understand the truths revealed in the word of God, be conformed to their teaching, and be diligent to promote, prescribe, and protect sound doctrine. (Titus 1:9)

He must be above reproach. All other qualifications serve to elaborate this single, over-arching goal. To seek to glorify God with one's whole life and, with God's help, never to discredit one's faith. (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6)

He must be a one-woman man. He is to be devoted solely to his wife. This does not exclude single men, but is a qualification that speaks of moral purity. (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6)

He must be temperate. He must deny any excess in life that diminishes clear thinking and sound judgment. He is to be well-balanced, calm, careful, and steady, not self-indulgent. (1 Timothy 3:2)

He must be sober-minded. He must demonstrate wisdom and common sense in all things, being especially serious about spiritual things. (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8)

He must be devout. He is to be wholly devoted to, and set apart for, the things of God, demonstrating reverence in both his speech and conduct. (Titus 1:8)

He must be disciplined. He should seek to fulfill his duties and responsibilities diligently, pursuing an orderly and disciplined life. (Titus 1:8)

He must be hospitable. He is to show kindness to strangers. He is to be generous and caring toward others, using what he has to minister to them. He must not speak unkindly of others behind their backs. (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8)

He must be able to teach. He must be able to impart God's Word and have the integrity to make his teaching believable. (1 Timothy 3:2)

He must not be given to wine. He must not abuse alcoholic beverage or be characterized by a belligerent, negative temperament and quarrelsome attitude that is associated with drunkenness. (1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7)

He must be gentle, not quarrelsome. He is not to be quick-tempered, contentious, or argumentative. He must be patient and gracious, able to handle things with a cool mind and gentle spirit, not insisting on his rights. (1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7)

He must be free from the love of money. Making money should not be the great passion of his life, nor should he be involved in unethical, illegal, or even questionable business practices. (1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7)

He must maintain a godly family. He must be able to demonstrate spiritual leadership in the context of his family. He is to have a peaceful home life, with his children being characterized by increasing submissiveness. (1 Timothy 3:4; Titus 1:6)

He must not be a new convert. He is to be a mature believer. (1 Timothy 3:6)

He must be well-respected by non-Christians. His character is to be certified by the testimony of those who are not in the church. He should have a reputation for integrity, love, honesty and goodness among those in the community who know him. (1 Timothy 3:7)

He must not be self-pleasing. He is not to be self-willed or arrogant. He is not to be headstrong, demanding his way. (Titus 1:7)

He must love what is good. He is to be devoted to God's truth and all that is contained therein. (Titus 1:8)

He must be just. He is to be upright in his dealings with men, conforming to the standard of God's truth. (Titus 1:8)

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Elder Nomination Form

Nominees must have been members at Camelback Bible Church for no less than 3 years.

Nominee _____ Nominee _____

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Camelback Member PRINT your name: _____ Date _____

Please return form by mail, drop off in the church office, or email to Elder Vice Chairman Kirk Huizenga, khuizenga@camelbackbible.com, by December 15, 2018. Thank you.