

# “Leadership Matters (Verb) – II”

## Leadership In A Local Church Is A High Calling

**“The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach...”**

**(I Timothy 3:1-2a)**



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**“Today’s evangelical largely has no problem with men who have no business being Pastors.”**

# “Unqualified”

- 1. Paid The Way For Bestseller List**
- 2. Purchased 16,000 Square Feet Mansion**
- 3. Theological Support For T. D. Jakes**
- 4. Don't Teach Through Books Of The Bible**
- 5. “We Want Your Money!”**

FROM NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR STEVEN FURTICK

# (UN)QUALIFIED

HOW GOD USES BROKEN PEOPLE TO DO BIG THINGS



# Janet Mefferd



**“This would be hilarious if it weren’t so utterly and catastrophically arrogant, delusional, and devoid of any biblical seriousness.”**

THE LETTER OF PAUL TO  
**TITUS**

# “Leadership Matters (Verb) – I”

## I. The Quest

**Elder (Presbuteros) – Dignity**

**Overseer (Episcopos) – Duty**

**Steward (Oikonomos) – Deference**

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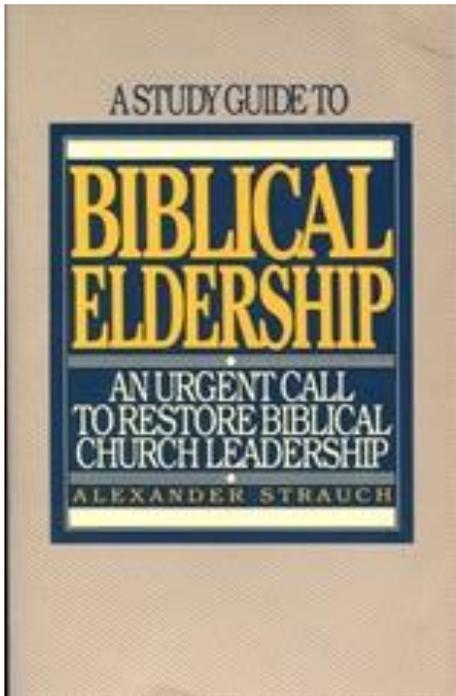
## II. The Qualifications

A. Above Reproach

B. Husband Of One Wife

C. Children Controlled

# Alexander Strauch



**“On the matter of qualification for eldership, the NT is emphatic – only spiritually and morally qualified men can be elders. On this point there is no debate. Not just anyone who wants to be an elder can become one. Only those men who meet God’s qualifications can become part of the pastoral leadership of the congregation.”**

# Titus 1:7-9

**Titus 1:7:** Five Negative Qualifications

**Titus 1:8:** Six Positive Qualifications

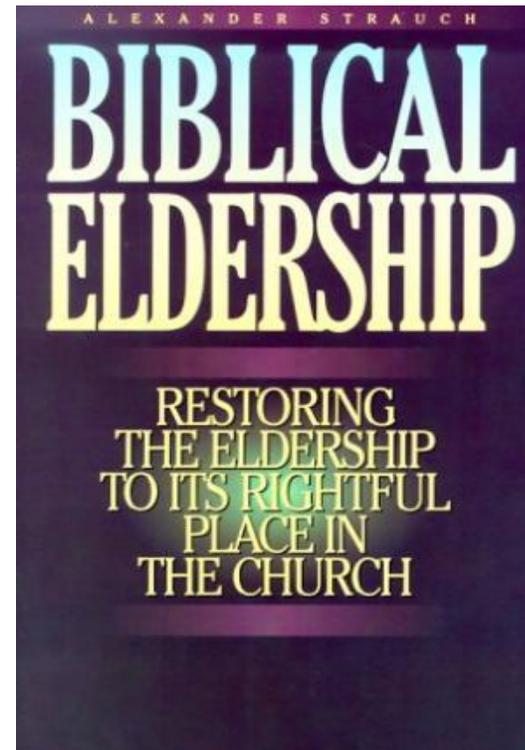
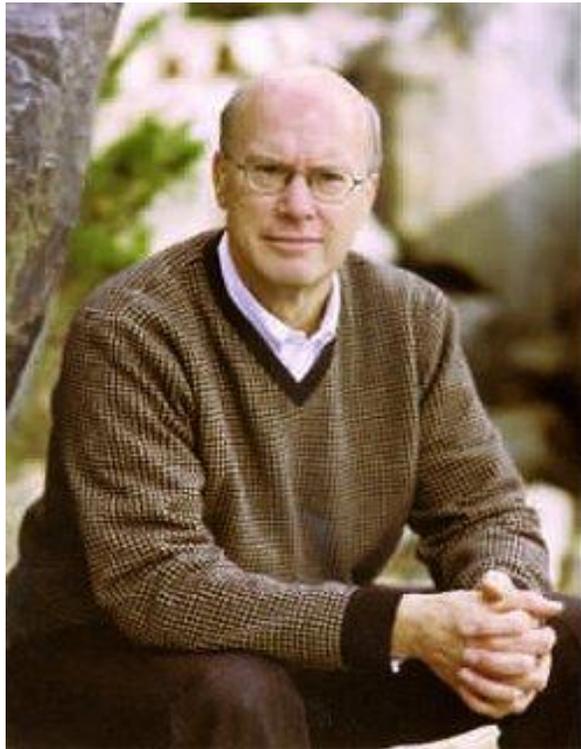
**Titus 1:9:** One Positive Qualification

## D. Not Arrogant

**Strong's: Self-Pleasing, Self-Willed, Arrogant**

**“And especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones” (II Peter 2:10).**

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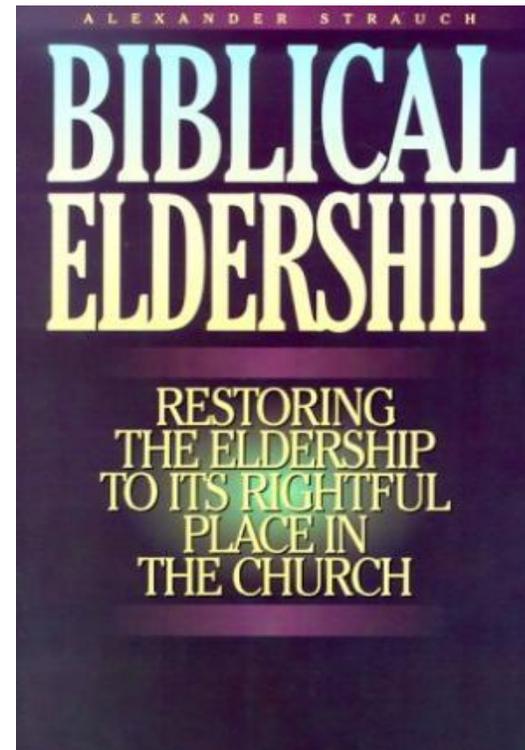
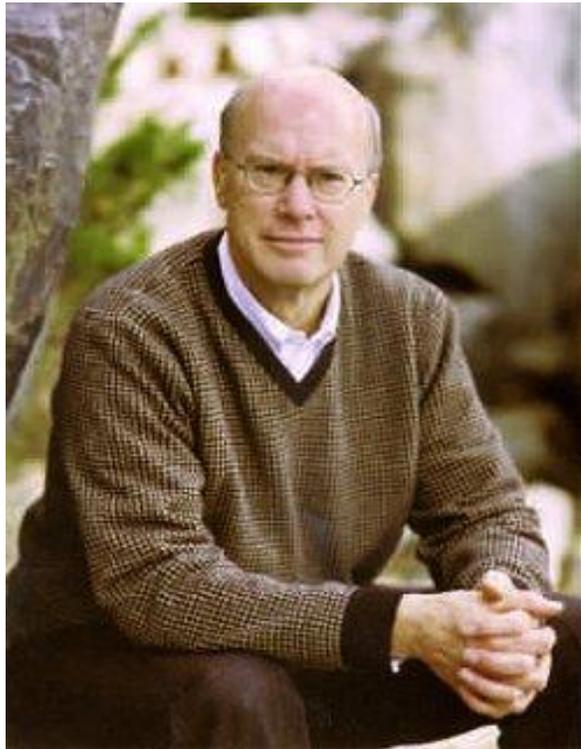
## E. Not Quick-Tempered

**Strong's: Anger-Prone, Irascible, Short-Fused**

**“A man of wrath stirs up strife, and one given to anger causes much transgression” (Proverbs 29:22).**

**“For the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God” (James 1:20).**

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## II Timothy 2:24-26

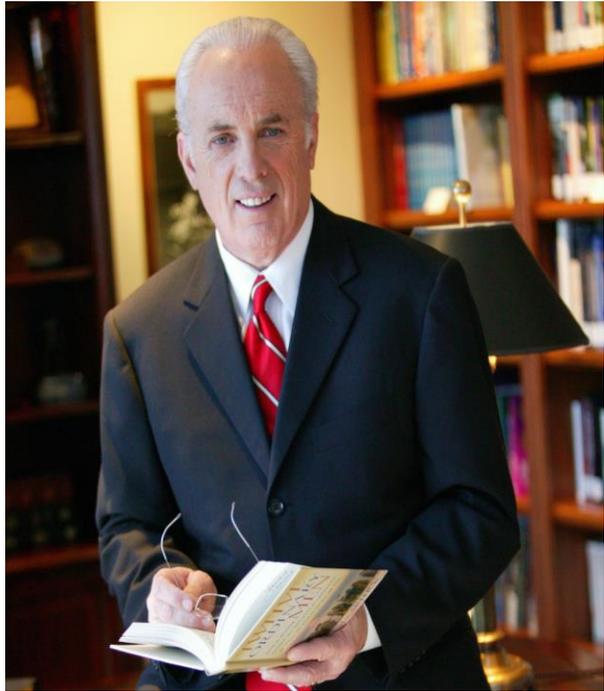
**“And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.”**

## F. Not A Drunkard

**Strong's: Given To Wine, Drunken**

**This Is Not A Prohibition Against Use But  
Rather Against Abuse**

# John MacArthur



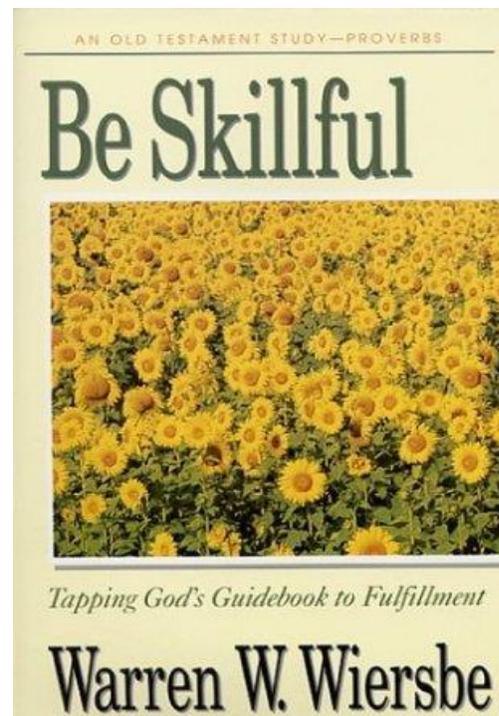
**“Most elders in modern cultures have no justifiable reason for drinking any alcoholic beverages and putting themselves in the way of temptation. They also have a responsibility even more than other believers to avoid exercising a Christian liberty that might somehow become a stumbling block.”**

## Bible Does Not Prohibit But Does Inhibit

**“Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaining? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? Those who tarry long over wine; those who go to try mixed wine” (Proverbs 23:29-30).**

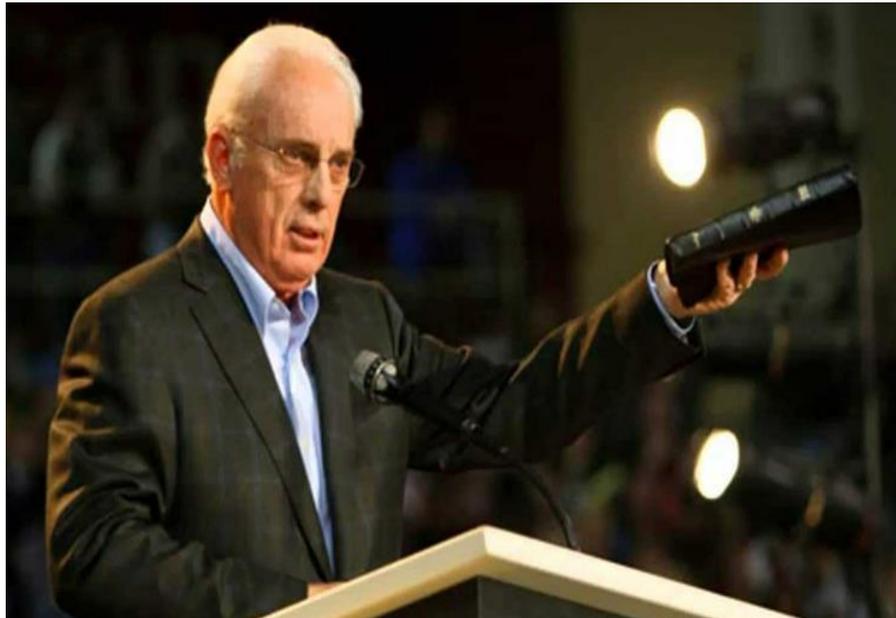
**“Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine, and valiant men in mixing strong drink” (Isaiah 5:22).**

# Warren Wiersbe



# G. Not Violent

Strong's: **Bruiser, Pugnacious, Contentious**



# Scriptural Directives

**“And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace” (James 3:18).**

**“If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all” (Romans 12:18).**

## H. Not Greedy For Gain

**Strong's: Eager For Filthy Gain, Greedy**

**“The temptation to use one’s position or prestige to gain an unfair financial advantage lurks at every prominent leader’s door” (Strauch).**

## 1 Peter 5:2

“Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly.”

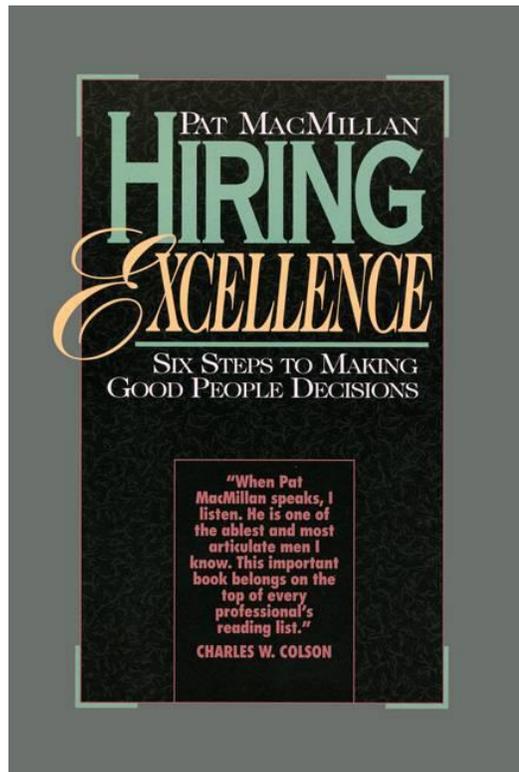
# 1 Timothy 5:17

**“Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.”**

# 1 Timothy 6:10-11

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.”

# Pat MacMillan



**“The best time to fire  
is before you hire.”**

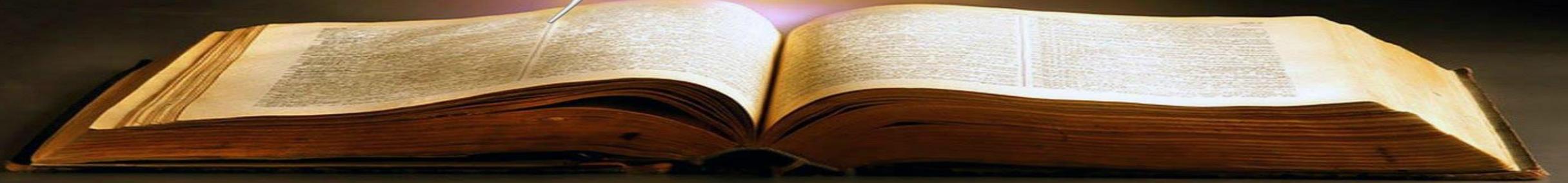
# Acts 20:28-30

“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.”

## III John 9-10

**“I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church.”**

# 3 John



**Diotrephes was most likely not the first to display wolfish traits in the sheepfold and he certainly was not the last!**