

Vital Signs: Elders  
1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:9  
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- Why are they called elders?
  - “Elder” implies age.
  - Age implies wisdom. (Job 12:12; Job 32:7)
- What qualifies an elder?
  - Scripture lists many character traits of elders. (1 Timothy 3:1-7)
  - Scripture also considers one’s family, faith and friends. (Titus 1:9)
- Must an elder be a man? (1 Timothy 2:12-14)
  - Order of creation suggests male leadership.
  - God designed the role of elder for men.
- How long should an elder serve?
  - Scripture is silent on length of elder service.
  - One should serve while qualified.