

Grow Into It

² An overseer, then, **must be** Note the **present** tense.

1. above reproach, literally- "not to be laid hold of"
2. the husband of one wife, literally- "a one-wife husband"
3. temperate, literally- "not mixed with wine"
4. prudent,
5. respectable,
6. hospitable, literally-"loving strangers"
7. able to teach,
8. ³ not addicted to wine, literally- "not beside wine" meaning "not lingering at the cup"
9. or pugnacious, literally- "not a striker"
10. but gentle,
11. peaceable,
12. free from the love of money.
13. ⁴ He must be one who manages his own household well ,
14. ⁶ and not a new convert⁷
15. And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church

Summary of qualifications for Elders:

- A. They don't have to be perfect.
- B. They do have to be authentic, consistent and intentional.
- C. This principle is true for all who aspire to be (who set their hearts on being) pillars and supports of God's truth in this world.

Message

Good spiritual leaders are authentically, consistently and intentionally Christ-like.

So What? Now What? Action Points:

- Which of these characteristics do you need to work on or improve? Start with three:

- Make a plan to prepare yourself to be a spiritual influence in your family and in God's.

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