

Christ Community Church Elder Qualifications

Church leadership is a high calling, and church leaders are held to high standards. They are believers in the process of Christian growth and maturity who humbly serve God and fellow believers. Elders have to deal sometimes with difficult, sensitive or complex issues. They must be willing to and able to commit to confidentiality, to understand both sides of an issue, to respect different views and opinions, to state their convictions, to be open to change, and to work humbly and graciously with others.

Titus 1:6-9 (NIV)

6 An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.

7 Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless--not overbearing, not quicktempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain.

8 Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined.

9 He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (NIV)

1 Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task.

2 Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

3 not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.

4 He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect.

5 (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)

6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil.

7 He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.