

A photograph of a shepherd standing in a field with a large flock of sheep. The shepherd is wearing a hat and a long-sleeved shirt, and is holding a staff. The sheep are white and are scattered across the field. In the background, there is a dense forest of trees on a hillside. The overall scene is peaceful and rural.

**A Elder Must...**

**1 Timothy 3:1-7**

# To Serve As An Elder A Man Must Meet Certain Qualifications

- The Scriptures set forth the qualifications for an elder. (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9)
- These qualifications are a must. (1 Timothy 3:1-2)
- It is very important to note that the word “must” expresses the necessity of something. Therefore, the qualifications for an elder are not optional, but rather necessary.

# A Elder Must...

- Be a man. (1 Timothy 3:1; Titus 1:6)
- Be one who desires the work. (1 Timothy 3:1)
- Be blameless. (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6, 7)
- Be the husband of one wife. (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6)
- Be temperate. (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:7)
- Be sober minded. (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8)
- Be of good behavior. (1 Timothy 3:2)

# A Elder Must...

- Be hospitable. (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8)
- Be able to teach. (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:9)
- Not be given to wine. (1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7)
- Not be violent. (1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7)
- Not be greedy for money. (1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7)
- Be gentle. (1 Timothy 3:3)
- Not be quarrelsome. (1 Timothy 3:3)

# A Elder Must...

- Not be covetous. (1 Timothy 3:3)
- Rule his own house well. (1 Timothy 3:4-5)
- Have faithful (i.e. believing) children. (Titus 1:6)
- Not be a novice. (1 Timothy 3:6)
- Have a good testimony (i.e. report) from those on the outside. (1 Timothy 3:7)

# What Must I Do To Be Saved?

- **Hear the word of God. (Romans 10:17)**
- **Believe in Jesus Christ. (John 8:24)**
- **Repent of your sins. (Acts 17:30)**
- **Confess Jesus Christ before men. (Matthew 10:32)**
- **Be baptized for the remission of sins. (Acts 2:38)**
- **Remain faithful unto death. (Revelation 2:10)**