

The Role of Elders

Church located

- Acts 14:23

“Elder” is a description of work to be done

- I Timothy 3:1

Roles **before** being appointed

- Leaders in practicing hospitality, Romans 12:13; I Timothy 3:2
- Leaders in domestic life, Ephesians 5:22-33; 6:1-4; I Timothy 3:4
- Leaders in fervently serving the Lord, Romans 12:11
- Leaders in community, I Timothy 3:7
- Leaders in disposition, Titus 1:7
 - Temperate
 - Self-controlled
 - Gentle
- Leaders in generosity, Acts 20:35
- Leaders in skillful teaching, faithful men; I Timothy 3:2

Characteristics that must not be present and would mitigate against effectiveness

- Rightly reproach-accused or not respectable, I Timothy 3:2
- “Overindulging in wine”, I Timothy 3:3 (NASB)
- Love of money, I Timothy 3:3
- Newly converted, I Timothy 3:6
- “One-wife’-less”, I Timothy 3:2
- A “bully” or “contentious”, I Timothy 3:3

Roles **after** being appointed

- Give an account for others, Hebrews 13:17
- Shepherd, Acts 20:28-31; I Peter 5:2-3 (NASB)