

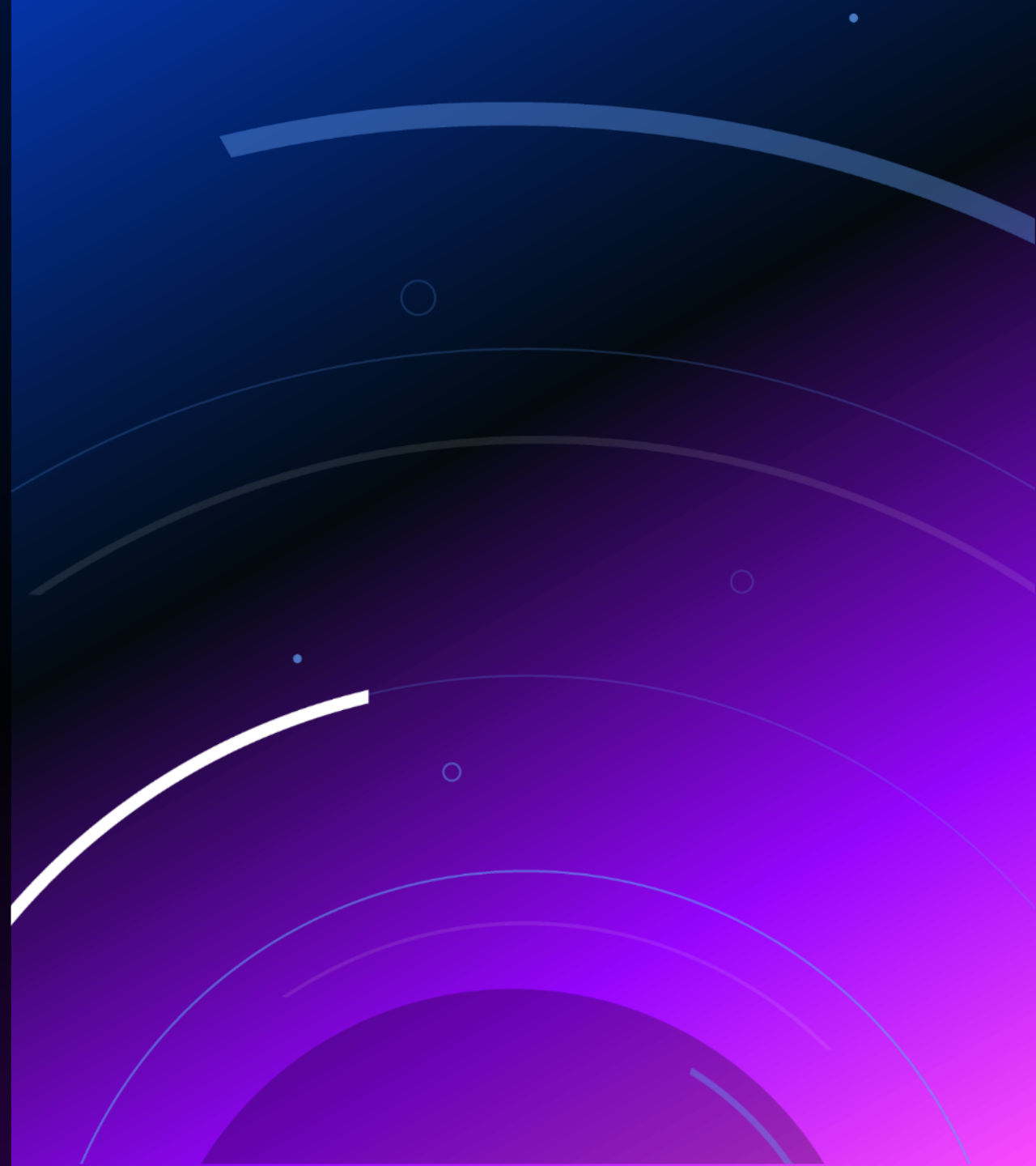
# QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELDERS

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An Elder is the  
Spiritual leader of  
a congregation

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- 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-4

<sup>5</sup> FOR IF SOMEONE DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO MANAGE HIS OWN HOUSEHOLD, HOW WILL HE CARE FOR GOD'S CHURCH? <sup>6</sup> HE MUST NOT BE A RECENT CONVERT, OR HE MAY BECOME PUFFED UP WITH CONCEIT AND FALL INTO THE CONDEMNATION OF THE DEVIL. <sup>7</sup> MOREOVER, HE MUST BE WELL THOUGHT OF BY OUTSIDERS, SO THAT HE MAY NOT FALL INTO DISGRACE, INTO A SNARE OF THE DEVIL.

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- HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE
- SOBER-MINDED
- SELF-CONTROLLED
- RESPECTABLE
- HOSPITABLE
- ABLE TO TEACH
- NOT A DRUNKARD
- NOT VIOLENT
- GENTLE
- NOT QUARRELSOME
- NOT A LOVER OF MONEY
- ABLE TO MANAGE HIS HOUSEHOLD WITH DIGNITY
- CHILDREN ARE SUBMISSIVE
- NOT A RECENT CONVERT
- WELL THOUGHT OF BY OUTSIDERS

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- TITUS 1:5-7A

HE MUST NOT BE ARROGANT OR QUICK-TEMPERED OR A DRUNKARD OR VIOLENT OR GREEDY FOR GAIN, <sup>8</sup> BUT HOSPITABLE, A LOVER OF GOOD, SELF-CONTROLLED, UPRIGHT, HOLY, AND DISCIPLINED. <sup>9</sup> HE MUST HOLD FIRM TO THE TRUSTWORTHY WORD AS TAUGHT, SO THAT HE MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE INSTRUCTION IN SOUND DOCTRINE AND ALSO TO REBUKE THOSE WHO CONTRADICT IT.

- TITUS 1:7B-9

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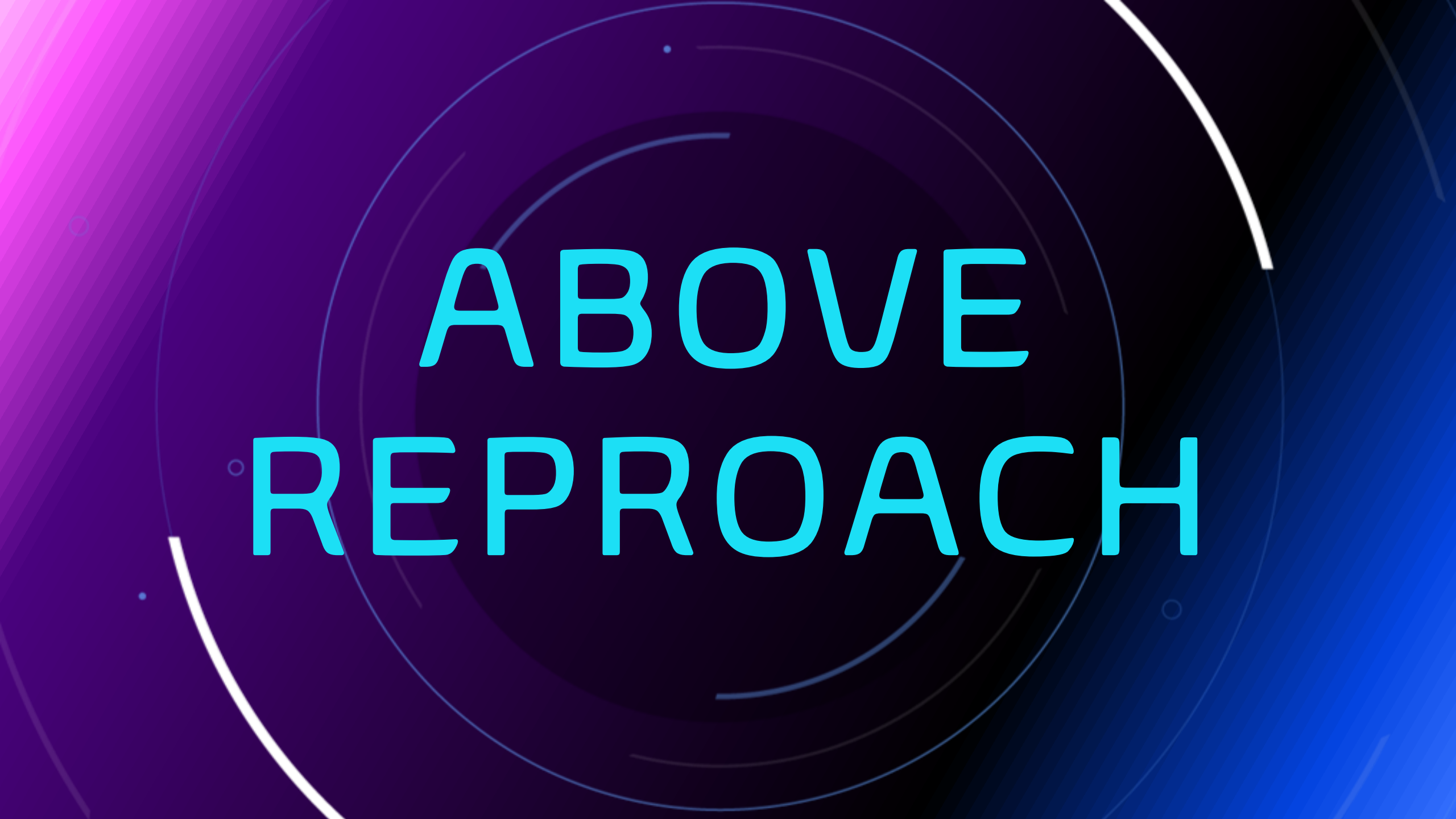
TO LIVE WITH SUCH CONSISTENT  
INTEGRITY THAT NO VALID  
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BE MADE AGAINST YOU



Qualifications for Elders			
1 Timothy 3:1-7		Titus 1:5-9	
v 2	above reproach	v 6	above reproach
	husband of one wife		husband of one wife
	sober-minded		children are believers
	self-controlled		not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination
	respectable	v 7	God's Steward
	hospitable		above reproach
	able to teach		not arrogant
v 3	not a drunkard		not quick tempered
	not violent		not a drunkard
	gentle		not violent
	not quarrelsome		not greedy for gain
	not a lover of money	v 8	hospitable
v 4	manage his own household well, with dignity		lover of good
	Children are submissive		self-controlled
v 6	not a recent convert		upright
	well thought of by outsiders		holy
			disciplined
		v 9	hold firm to the Word
			Able to give instruction in sound doctrine
			able to rebuke those who contradict



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