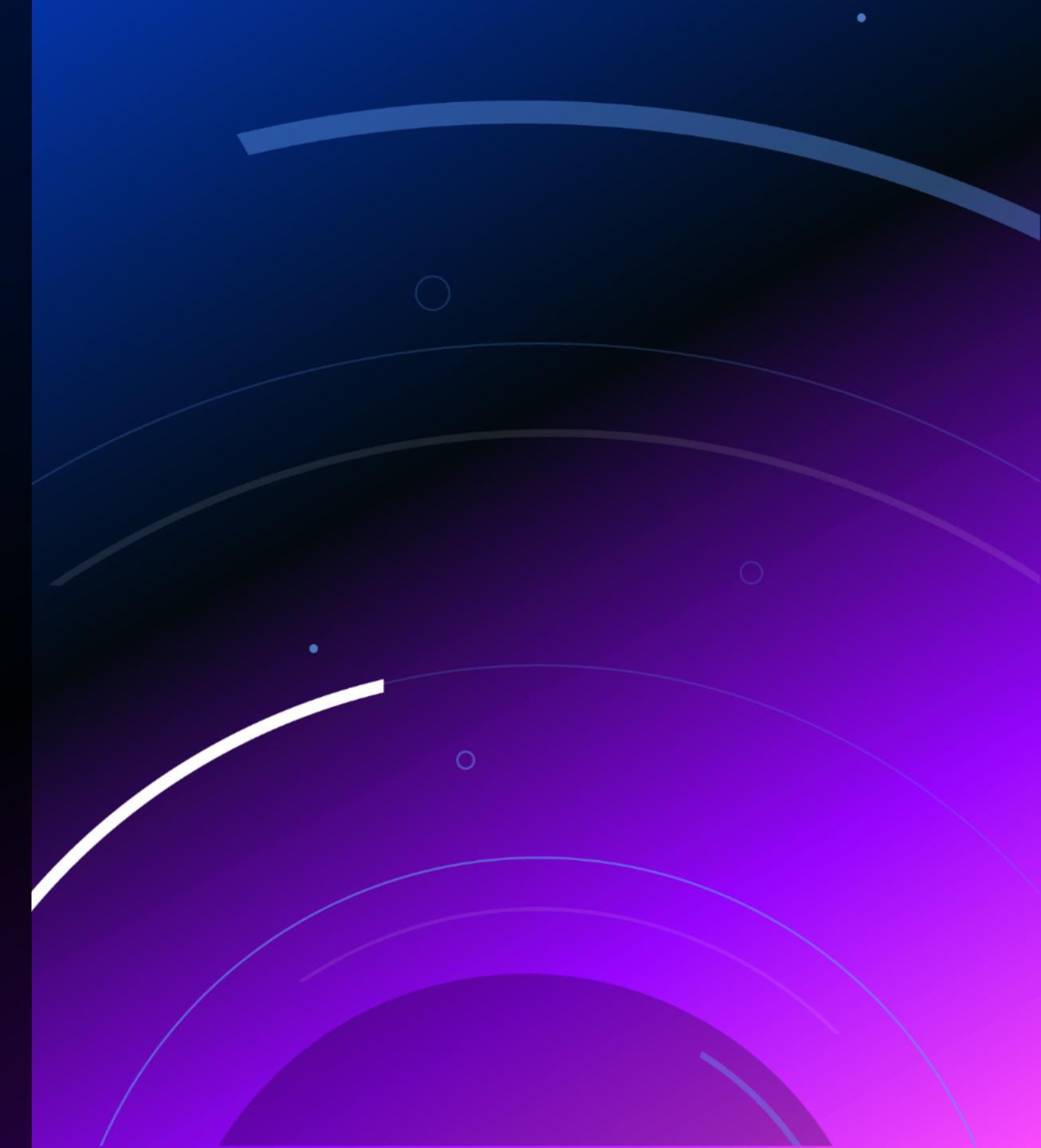


QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELDERS

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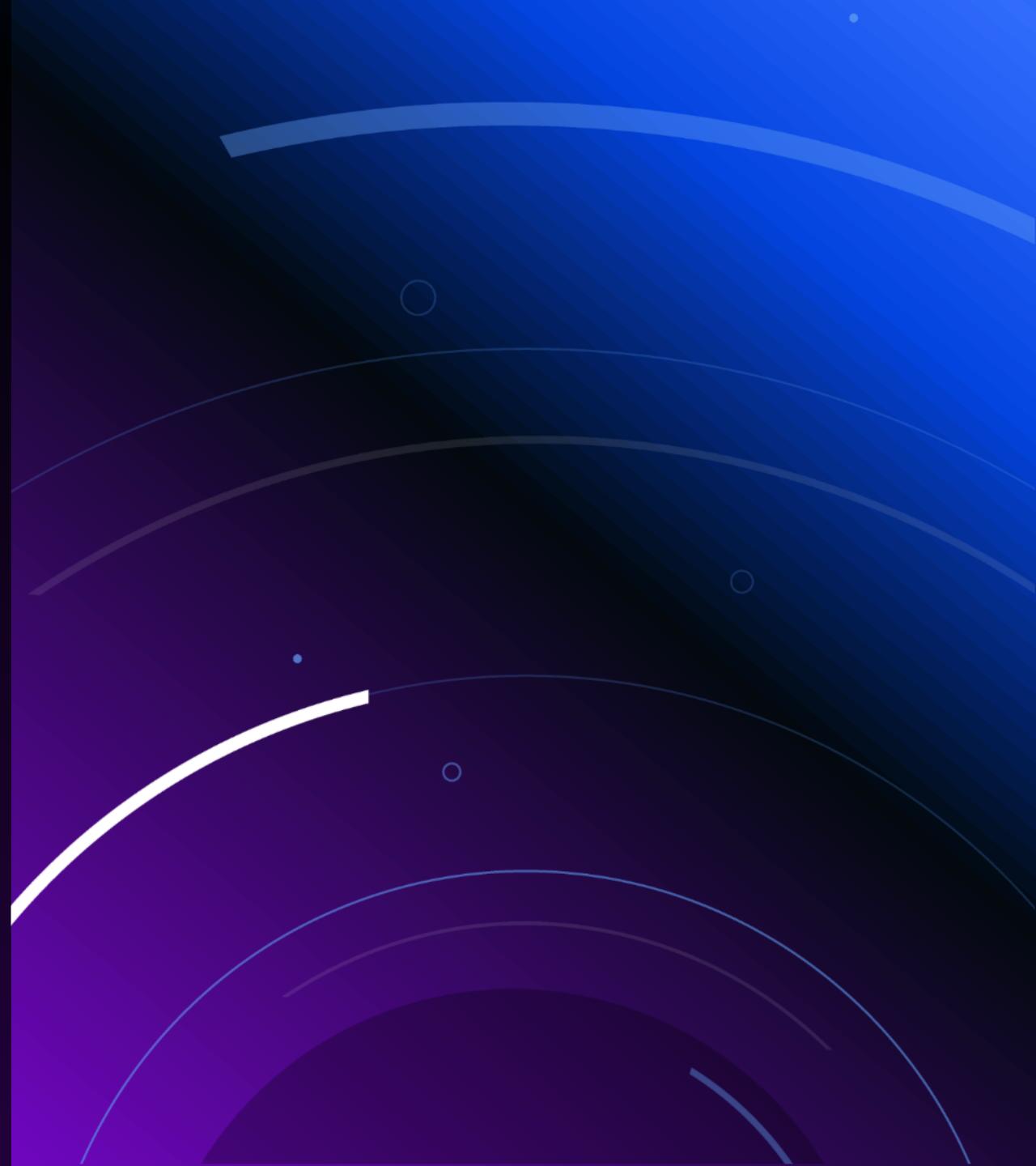


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An Elder is the
Spiritual leader of
a congregation



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- 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-4

⁵ FOR IF SOMEONE DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO MANAGE HIS OWN HOUSEHOLD, HOW WILL HE CARE FOR GOD'S CHURCH? ⁶ HE MUST NOT BE A RECENT CONVERT, OR HE MAY BECOME PUFFED UP WITH CONCEIT AND FALL INTO THE CONDEMNATION OF THE DEVIL. ⁷ 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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QUALIFICATIONS ABOVE REPROACH

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- HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE
- SOBER-MINDED
- SELF-CONTROLLED
- RESPECTABLE
- HOSPITABLE
- ABLE TO TEACH
- NOT A DRUNKARD
- NOT VIOLENT
- GENTLE
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- 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,⁸ BUT HOSPITABLE, A LOVER OF GOOD, SELF-CONTROLLED, UPRIGHT, HOLY, AND DISCIPLINED.⁹ 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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- HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE
- CHILDREN ARE BELIEVERS AND NOT OPEN TO THE CHARGE OF DEBAUCHERY OR INSUBORDINATION
- GOD'S STEWARD
- NOT ARROGANT
- NOT QUICK TEMPERED
- NOT A DRUNKARD
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- NOT GREEDY FOR GAIN
- HOSPITABLE
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TO LIVE WITH SUCH CONSISTENT
INTEGRITY THAT NO VALID
ACCUSATION OF WRONGDOING CAN
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		huband 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 sumbissive		self-controlled
v 6	not a recent convert		upright
	well thought of by outsiders		holy
			disciplined
		v9	hold firm to the Word
			Able to give instruction in sound doctrine
			able to rebuke those who contradict

ALL SHOULD STRIVE FOR
THESE CHARACTERISTICS

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