

*Christ Himself gave an example of a priest leadership for a purpose.*

## 2. NT Requirements for any elder – 1 Timothy 3 & Titus 1

Now the NT shows a lifestyle based on the principles of the OT LAWS, i.e. we don't execute people for disobedience, we correct them twice and then we separate ourselves from that unruly person.

**Elder means** the same as overseer, bishop, under-shepherd, presbyter. Same word.

The Apostle Paul ordain elders in every city based on the OT LAWS and the instructions of Christ.

Those standards have not changed, not then and not now.

He, Him, Son, Husband – a man

Blameless

Husband of one wife

Vigilant

Sober

Good behavior

Given to hospitality

Apt to teach

Not given to wine

No striker

Not greedy of filthy lucre

Patient

Not a brawler

Not covetous

One that ruleth well his own house

Having his children in subjection with all gravity

Not a novice

Have a good report with the unsaved

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*Even the Deacons are at the leadership standard for a purpose.*

## 3. NT Requirements for any deacon

1 Timothy 3 & Titus 1

Remember Stephen & Philip in Acts Chapter 6?

**Deacons become elders**

Deacons *be* grave,                      Not doubletongued  
Not given to much wine; Not greedy of filthy lucre;  
Faith in a pure conscience, Sober  
First be proved,                      Being *found* blameless.  
*Their* wives *be* grave,              Not slanderers  
Faithful in all things,              Husband of one wife  
Ruling their children & their own houses well  
The office of a deacon is for a man

The (2) verses using the feminine form of “deacon” does make a doctrine for the office of deaconess. It was a 1<sup>st</sup> Century executive decision. ref. Adam Clarke, Rom 16:1

**Titus Chapter 1:5-9**

5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: 6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. 7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; 8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; 9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

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