

The background features a light gray gradient with several realistic water droplets of various sizes scattered across the surface. A faint, circular, textured pattern is visible in the upper center of the image.

# CHURCH LEADERSHIP

CONSIDERING ELDERSHIP IN JESUS' CHURCH

# IT'S OK, WE CAN TALK ABOUT THIS...

1. JESUS IS THE HEAD OF THIS CHURCH
2. THIS ISN'T ABOUT THE PREACHER; IT'S ABOUT ELDERS
3. NO ONE'S TRYING TO HIDE ANY SHORTCOMINGS
4. WE'RE NOT COVERING EVERY DIFFICULT ISSUE
5. IT'S WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS THAT MATTERS

# ELDERS SHOULD LEAD LIKE JESUS LED

MAT. 20:26-28      “THE SON OF MAN CAME NOT TO BE SERVED BUT  
TO SERVE”

PHIL. 2:3-8      HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF

1 PET. 5:3      NOT DOMINEERING, BUT EXAMPLES

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- HOSPITABLE
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- NOT VIOLENT
- GENTLE
- NOT QUARRELSOME
- NOT LOVER OF MONEY
- LOOK AFTER FAMILY
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1 TIM. 3:1-7

ABLE TO TEACH

TITUS 1:5-9; 2:1

ABLE TO GIVE INSTRUCTION IN SOUND DOCTRINE  
AND ALSO TO REBUKE THOSE WHO CONTRADICT IT

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“Paul’s criterion ‘able to teach’ refers to the ability to communicate and apply the truth of Scripture with clarity, coherence, and fruitfulness.

Those who have this ability handle the scripture with fidelity, and others are edified when they do.

This ability is not limited to public teaching from the pulpit. Men with this ability might be gifted public teachers, or they might simply be gifted for one-on-one or small-group settings.

Some men are not exceptional public speakers, but they are teaching and counselling the people around them from the Scriptures all the time. Such men should not be disqualified from the office of elder.”

# ELDERS SHOULD CARE PASSIONATELY...

- 1) **...FOR THE WELLBEING OF THE CHURCH FAMILY** (Rom. 1:9, 11; 1 Cor. 3:2; 4:14-15; 8:13; 2 Cor. 1:24; 2:4; 11:28; Gal. 5:12; Eph. 1:16-19; Col. 1:29; 2:1, 5)
- 2) **...THAT LOVE & JOY BE SEEN IN ALL THINGS** (1 Cor. 4:14-15; 13; 2 Cor. 11:1-2; Phil. 1:3-8, 18; 4:1; Col. 1:24)
- 3) **...ABOUT PRAYERFULNESS** (Rom. 1:9; Eph. 1:16; 1 Tim. 2:1; 2 Tim. 1:3; Phlm. 1:4)
- 4) **...ABOUT FELLOWSHIP AND TOGETHERNESS** (Rom. 1:11; 15:23, 32; 2 Cor. 11:1-2; 12:13; Phil. 2:1-5, 20-23; 1 Tim. 1:18; Phlm. 1)
- 5) **...FOR THE LOST** (Rom. 9:2-3; 1 Cor. 9:19-23; 10:33; 2 Cor. 12:21; Phil. 3:18)
- 6) **...BEING BOLD AND CHALLENGING WHEN REQUIRED** (Rom. 15:15; 1 Cor. 6:5; 11:17, 22; 15:34; 2 Cor. 7:8-9; 10:1-2; Gal. 1:10; 2:11-14; 5:12, 21; Eph. 4:1; Phlm. 1:8-10)
- 7) **...ABOUT THE CENTRALITY OF THE GOSPEL** (1 Cor. 2:2; 15:1-19; Phil. 2:3-11; 1 Tim. 1:12-16; 2 Tim. 4:1-4)
- 8) **...REGARDLESS OF WEAKNESSES AND FLAWS** (1 Cor. 2:1-4; 15:9; 2 Cor. 10:9-10; 11:5-6; Eph. 3:8)
- 9) **...ABOUT GIVING GOD ALL THE GLORY** (1 Cor. 3:5-7; Phil. 1:20-21; 3:8-10)
- 10) **...BEING CONFIDENT AND URGENT IN GOD'S CALLING** (1 Cor. 3:10; 9:16; 15:10; 2 Cor. 7:2-4; 11:6; 12:11; Phil. 3:17; 2 Tim. 2:9)
- 11) **...BEING CONTENT, WITHOUT THE LOVE OF MONEY** (1 Cor. 9:1-18; 11:9; Phil. 4:11-12)
- 12) **...BEING DISCIPLINED AND FOCUSED IN GROWING IN THE FAITH** (1 Cor. 9:24-26; 13:11; Phil. 1:22-26; 3:12-14)
- 13) **...BEING THOSE WHO ENCOURAGE OTHERS** (1 Cor. 11:2; 2 Cor. 7:16; Eph. 1:15; Phil. 2:16-17; Col. 4:13; Phlm. 1:7)
- 14) **...ABOUT FOLLOWING JESUS IN SUFFERING** (1 Cor. 15:31; 2 Cor. 11:23-27; 12:7-10; Phil. 1:12; Col. 1:24; 2 Tim. 2:9-10)