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- Elders **model** the character of Christ.
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- You **want** to be an elder.
- You exemplify **godly** character.
 - Above reproach
 - Self-controlled
 - Respectable
 - Gentle
 - Not greedy
- You can **teach** the Bible.
- You lead your **family** well.
 - A "one-woman" man- the emphasis is on **moral** character, not **marital** status.
 - An effective father
 - Hospitable- an open **home** reveals an open **heart**.
- You are **male**.
- You are an **established** believer.

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