

## Church Leadership: Elders pt.2

### Introduction:

In vv. 2-7, Paul presents fourteen descriptions of the above-reproach overseer, whose example in character, competency, and consistency instructs the church in how it is to continually conduct itself as God's household.

#### • The Overarching Trait: A\_\_\_\_\_ R\_\_\_\_\_.

o Lexical Grounding

o Grammatical Grounding

o Contextual Grounding

#### 1. The Character of M\_\_\_\_\_ F\_\_\_\_\_

a. What "husband of one wife" does not mean:

i. Not a \_\_\_\_\_ to be married (1 Tim 5:9; 1 Cor 7:32, 35)

ii. Not a \_\_\_\_\_ on biblically permitted remarriage (Death 1 Cor 7:8-9; Divorce 1 Cor 7:12-16; Matt 19:7-9)

iii. Not a mere \_\_\_\_\_ of polygamy

b. What it does Mean:

Marital and sexual fidelity marked by \_\_\_\_\_ devotion and \_\_\_\_\_ integrity

c. Why it Matters:

i. It affirms God's \_\_\_\_\_ in the Old Testament (Ex 20:14)

ii. It affirms Christ's \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ in the New Testament (Matt 5:27-28)

iii. It affirms Apostolic \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph 5:3-5; 1 Pet 3:7)

iv. It Affirms the \_\_\_\_\_ of Marriage (Eph 5:22-30)

**Application:**

- Rejoice in the restoring grace of the Gospel (2 Cor 5:17)
  
- Live as a visible example of faithfulness today! (Eph 5)
  - o Married: Does my life reflect exclusive devotion and integrity?
  
  - o Single: Does my life reflect self-control and undivided devotion to Christ?