

## How are we going to go about appointing elders?

1. Each Christian member will be given a piece of paper with the words 'elder nominated' on it.
2. After each nominated man has been named, we will go to the nominated men and ask if they 'desire' the position.
3. If they do desire the position, the congregation will be given one week to object to someone who is nominated but it must be done 'in writing' and will be confidential. **Note:** No one can object to a nominated man being an elder just because they don't like them or the way they dress etc. it has to be a real 'legitimate Biblical reason'.
4. If there is an objection, then we must talk to the nominated person about the objection in an effort to clear up any misunderstandings or concerns.
5. If there are no objections and the men are still willing to take on the responsibility of an elder we can move forward.
6. On the Lord's Day we will publicly announce that we have been praying and have been studying elders for a few weeks now. We've all nominated these men and they are happy to take on the responsibility of an elder.
7. We will then ask the men to come to the front and stand, and ask them again if they are willing to accept according to the Scriptures the role of an elder.
8. We will then ask the congregation to accept them by standing up.
9. We will have a prayer for our new elders and the congregation to work with them within their roles.

### Example of Elders nominating Form

#### CHURCH ELDERS NOMINATION FORM

"Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task." 1 Timothy 3:1

Please pray long and hard before nominating any brother or brothers you feel are qualified for the position of an elder. Please read 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9 carefully, I've created below a summary of all the requirements in question form to help you choose wisely.

Please fill in the form attached, simply cut out around the dotted lines and hand it back to the person who gave you this form. He doesn't need the answers to your questions just the form with the nominated brother's name(s) on it. Thank you and God bless us all as we strive to please God.

**Please note** if you feel there is only one brother qualified simply write his name down on the form but if you have more than one brother in mind then simply write all their names on the form.

Also, please be aware that you may nominate a brother(s) but the brother(s) you name may not desire the position of an elder or he (they) may not be qualified nor does a named brother(s) mean they automatically are chosen to be an elder.

#### A quick summary of the requirements an elder must possess.

Does the brother or brothers you are thinking about meet the following requirements?

Simply answer yes or no. Please remember this is simply to help you choose.

#### Summary of a, elders requirements.

1. Is he 'faithful to his wife', \_\_\_\_\_
2. Is his wife, 'worthy of respect, not a gossip and temperate', \_\_\_\_\_
3. Does he 'manage his family well, and his children are not open to charge', \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is he 'able to teach and encourage with sound doctrine', \_\_\_\_\_
5. Does he 'keep hold of the truth', \_\_\_\_\_
6. Is he 'a recent convert', \_\_\_\_\_
7. Is he 'blameless and above reproach' in the sense of being free from accusation, \_\_\_\_\_
8. Is he 'temperate and not quick tempered', \_\_\_\_\_
9. Does he demonstrate, 'self-control', \_\_\_\_\_
10. Is he 'respectable', \_\_\_\_\_

- 11. Is he 'hospitable', \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Is he 'given to drunkenness', \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Is he 'violent', \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. Is he 'a lover of money even by dishonest gain', \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Is he manage 'over bearing', \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Does he have a 'good reputation with outsiders', \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. Is he 'upright', \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Is he 'disciplined', \_\_\_\_\_

The congregation's responsibilities to the elder.  
(These are only suggestions)

- 1. We must recognise their roles and pray for them.
- 2. We must encourage them and their family.
- 3. We must make their servant role as easy as possible.
- 4. We must trust them.
- 5. We must correct them when they are wrong.
- 6. We must treat them all with equal respect and accountability.

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**ELDERS NOMINATION FORM**

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