

5 March 2017: Preached by Preacher Clement Chew

**Topic: A Church in Order: Qualified Elders (II)**

Scripture text: 1 Tim 3:2-7

1. An elder must first have a calling from God to serve as the undershepherd of God's flock. He does it not for personal prestige but because he loves the people of God.
2. The qualifications of an elder are given to us from God's Word and these criteria are not based on secular standards. The elder must be blameless, that is above reproach, in his conduct, service and character.
3. He must meet the family criteria of being a man of one wife. The headship of man in the family is taught in the Bible and he must rule well his house. The reason is that if he cannot rule well his house then he can't rule well the church.
4. The mental criteria for the elder is that he must be vigilant and sober. He is discipline and orderly in following the Bible.
5. The character criteria for the elder is one given to hospitality, apt to teach the Word of God, no striker (fighting), not covetous, patient and not a brawler (quarrelsome). The elder must also not be a novice lest being lifted in pride. He must be well tested spiritually. He must also receive good report from those outside the Church.