

1 Tim 3:4-5; Tit. 1:6

- Must elders have **MORE THAN ONE** child?
- Must elders' children be **CHRISTIANS?**
- Must elders' have **LIVING, FAITHFUL** children?

“*must be*” 1Tim3:2;Tit 1:7 “*is*” Tit 1:6

- **CHARACTER** qualifications
- THIS is why we look at his children
—*what do they say **about the man?***
- CONTINUES to be (present tense)
—*as long as he serves*

“children” - more than one?

- “children” plural (Greek)
- Plurals sometimes indefinite
 - ▶ Our language
 - ▶ Scripture

Mt 22:24 “*if a man (sing) die, having no children (plur)*”
--- Compare **Dt 25:5**, “*has no son (sing)*”

Mk 10:29 “*there is no man (s) that hath left...children (pl)*”

1Tim 5:4 “*if any widow (sing) have children (plur)*”

“children” - more than one?

- “children” plural
- Plurals sometimes indefinite
- Ability to ***procreate*** or ability to ***rule*** under consideration?
- Parallel, **1 Tim 3:4,5**—***number*** or ***how rule?***
- More than one child experience ... ?
(subjective)

“*faithful*” (KJV, NKJV)—or—“*believing*” (NASB, ASV)?

ESV, “*are believers*” NOT a verb ... *pistos* = adjective

- Which reflects **character** of the father...?
- Parallel passage **1Tim 3:4,5**
- **Contrast** in the passage ... “**not**”



- ▶ “I’ll have *steak*, not *tea*”
- ▶ “I’ll have *coffee*, not *tea*”



- ▶ “children who are *Christians*, **NOT** accused of *dissipation or rebellion*”
- ▶ “children who are *trustworthy*, **NOT** accused of *dissipation or rebellion*”

“**having faithful children...**” Tit 1:6

Age? ... Apostasy? ... Death?

- “**having**” (echOn) = pres. part.

MAY identify the person, or refer to some quality about the person, in connection with such action

Jn 6:33,50 “**bread of God which comes down** [pres. part. - “**is coming down**”]

Mk 6:14 “**Jhn the Baptist**” [pres. part. - “**baptizing one**”]

ASV, “the baptizer” ESV ftnt, “Greek baptizer”

Mt 22:24 “**having no children**”

(echOn tekna - just as in Tit 1:6)

“**having** faithful children...” Tit 1:6

Age? ... Apostasy? ... Death?

- “**having**” CAN be, “hav. faith. chldn *kind of man*”
- Cntxt **Tit 1:6** - action or **quality of character**
known by action? **Ac 16:1,2; 2Tim 1:5**
- Parallel **1Tim 3:4-5** “**manages his household well, keeping (pres. part.) his children under control**”
- Free moral agency
- **Prov 22:6?**
- If ALL apostatize...?

Ac 14:23; Tit 1:5