

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*” | Tim3:2; Tit 1:7 “*is*” / “*be*” 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 **1 Tim 3:4,5**
- *Contrast* in the passage ... “*not*”



- ▶ “I’ll have *steak*, not *tea*” (or, “not *ham*”?)
- ▶ “I’ll have *coffee*, not *tea*”



- ▶ “children who are *Christians*, NOT accused of *dissipation or rebellion*” (or, “not *infidels*”?)
- ▶ “children who are *trustworthy*, NOT accused of *dissipation or rebellion*”

Ac 14:21-23

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

Age (gone from home)? ... 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

