



Elder Recommendation Application

Helping to determine a man's maturity, measured by the standards set forth in Titus 1:6-9 and 1 Timothy 3:2-7.

ELDER RECOMMENDATION INSTRUCTIONS

Overview of the Office of Elder for The Journey Church

The body of elders at the Journey Church is a group of spiritually gifted and mature Christian men who have been called by God to serve together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They will lead our Church in carrying out its vision and pursuing an effective ministry by shepherding, modeling, teaching, and managing. The group will include partners who have met and completed all requirements of the elder process.

Basic Requirements

- He upholds the truths in 1 Timothy 3:1-11 and Titus 1:5-9.
- He is not a new Christian but has been saved for a while (~ 8-10 years).
- He has been a partner of Journey Church for at least 3-5 years.
- He has been baptized by believer's baptism.

Elder Recommendation Process

Please prayerfully consider the Biblical qualifications as you recommend men to serve our congregation as an elder. To recommend a man, first you must receive their consent. Then fill out this Elder Recommendation Form. This form can either be given directly to the Lead Pastor or to any current elder. All recommendations will be reviewed and prayerfully considered by the body of elders.

Each person recommended as an elder will be asked to complete the Elder Application Form. This form will be made available once the Elder Recommendation Form has been submitted and reviewed. The completion of the Elder Application and its corresponding requirements (found in the Elder Application) are necessary before any man may take the office of elder.

Biblical Qualifications for Elder

The passages 1 Timothy 3:1-11 and Titus 1:5-9 form the basis for Elder qualification and selection.

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to too much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. - 1 Timothy 3:1-11

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy

for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.

He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give

instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it. – Titus 1:5-9

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ELDER RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name of the Elder Nominee: _____

Your Name: _____

Are you a partner of the Journey Church? YES NO

Thank you for taking the time to complete this Elder Recommendation Form. This is an important position for our church, one that is not to be taken lightly. As such, we ask that you complete this form thoroughly, evaluating each question honestly, based on your knowledge of the nominee's qualifications for the office of elder for The Journey Church. Please take time to read 1 Timothy 3:1-11 and Titus 1:5-9 (on the preceding page), which describe the qualifications for elders.

Please answer all the following questions. If clarifications or comments are needed to help explain your choices, please attach a separate (typed) sheet. If you do not know if the nominee is qualified in a particular area, mark the "Don't Know" column. This is an acceptable answer and will not be held against the nominee. Please place this form in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential - Elder Recommendation Form" and return either directly to the Lead Pastor or any current elder.

QUALIFICATION AREA

1. Is the nominee saved and not a recent convert?

YES

NO

Don't Know

2. Do you believe he would uphold the values of the Journey Church?

YES

NO

Don't Know

3. Do you consider him spiritually mature, able to make wise, Biblical sound decisions?

YES

NO

Don't Know

Give an example of a time where you saw this to be true.

4. Is he above reproach, affording nothing in his moral conduct that can be attached?

YES

NO

Don't Know

5. If married, is he faithful, loving, and honoring of his wife?

YES

NO

Don't Know

NA

Give an example of a time where you have seen him honoring and loving his wife.

6. Does he manage his family well, assuming his responsibility as spiritual leader?

YES

NO

Don't Know

NA

Give an example of a time where you saw this to be true.

7. Do his children respect and obey him?

YES

NO

Don't Know

NA

8. Are his children believers?

YES

NO

Don't Know

NA

9. Is his wife worthy of respect, not a malicious talker, reasonable and trustworthy?

YES

NO

Don't Know

NA

10. Do you know him to be sincere, reasonable, self-controlled, and disciplined?

YES

NO

Don't Know

Give an example of a time where you saw this to be true.

11. In dealing with others, is he respectful, not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not quarrelsome, not violent, maintaining a good reputation inside and outside the church?

YES

NO

Don't Know

12. Is he hospitable and a lover of what is good according to Scripture?

YES

NO

Don't Know

13. Is he generous with money, not focused on the acquisition of wealth, and obtains all his money in an honest and straightforward manner?

- YES
- NO
- Don't Know

Give an example of a time where you saw this to be true.

14. Is he a man known for sound scriptural doctrine, able to encourage those who don't understand, and refute those who oppose it?

- YES
- NO
- Don't Know

Give an example of a time where you saw this to be true.

15. Do you believe he is a man who holds firmly to biblical truth with a clear conscience, no matter the cost to him personally?

- YES
- NO
- Don't Know

16. Is he able to teach?

- YES
- NO
- Don't Know

Give an example of a time where you saw this to be true.

17. Can you recommend that he be considered for elder without any reservation?

- YES
- NO
- Don't Know

18. Do you believe he has been sufficiently tested in his Christian walk and has demonstrated that he is fully qualified to serve as an elder according to Scripture?

- YES
- NO
- Don't Know

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Phone Number: _____