1. The position of church elders (3:1)
   a. The Man
   b. The Ministry
   c. The Mission
   d. The Merit

2. The prerequisites for church elders (3:2-7)
   These prerequisites are not exhaustive.
   These prerequisites are not objective.

   a. Doing the Word
      1) Personal righteousness: "Temperate"
      Temperate is a general term meaning "well-balanced"
      - In our consumption: "Not addicted to wine"
      - In our relations: "The husband of one wife"
      - In our possessions: "Free from love of money"
      2) Inter-personal righteousness: "Prudent"
      Prudent is a general term meaning "thoughtful"
      - A careful life: "Respectable"
      - A graceful life: "Gentle"
      - A merciful life: "Not pugnacious"
      - A peaceful life: "Uncontentious"
b. Doing the work

1) Leading through teaching
Teaching is done in many ways.

2) Leading through reaching
Hospitable refers to reaching people beyond our sphere of existing friendships.

3) Leading through beseeching
If we cannot lead those closest to us, we cannot lead those further from us.

c. Not doing wrong

1) Avoiding arrogance (3:6)
2) Avoiding accusation (3:7)

The church is not just an organism, it is an organization. Along with this opportunity of service comes the responsibility of service.