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PASSING THE TORCH

A Study in First Timothy

1 Timothy 3:1-7





**THE OFFICE OF
OVERSEER PART TWO**

When you look at the term **Elder**, it appears from Scripture that there was a **plurality** to the Elders oversight within the **Local Church**



Acts 14:23

Acts 20:17

I Timothy 5:17

James 5:14-15

I Peter 5:1-2

Acts 15

Acts 21:17-18

Titus 1:5



Qualifications for an Elder:

VIII. NOT **Addicted** to **Wine**

Ephesians 5:18-21



“NOT Addicted to Wine” =
NOT staying near wine; DON'T
be the one sitting near wine;
NOT quarreling over or
because of alcohol



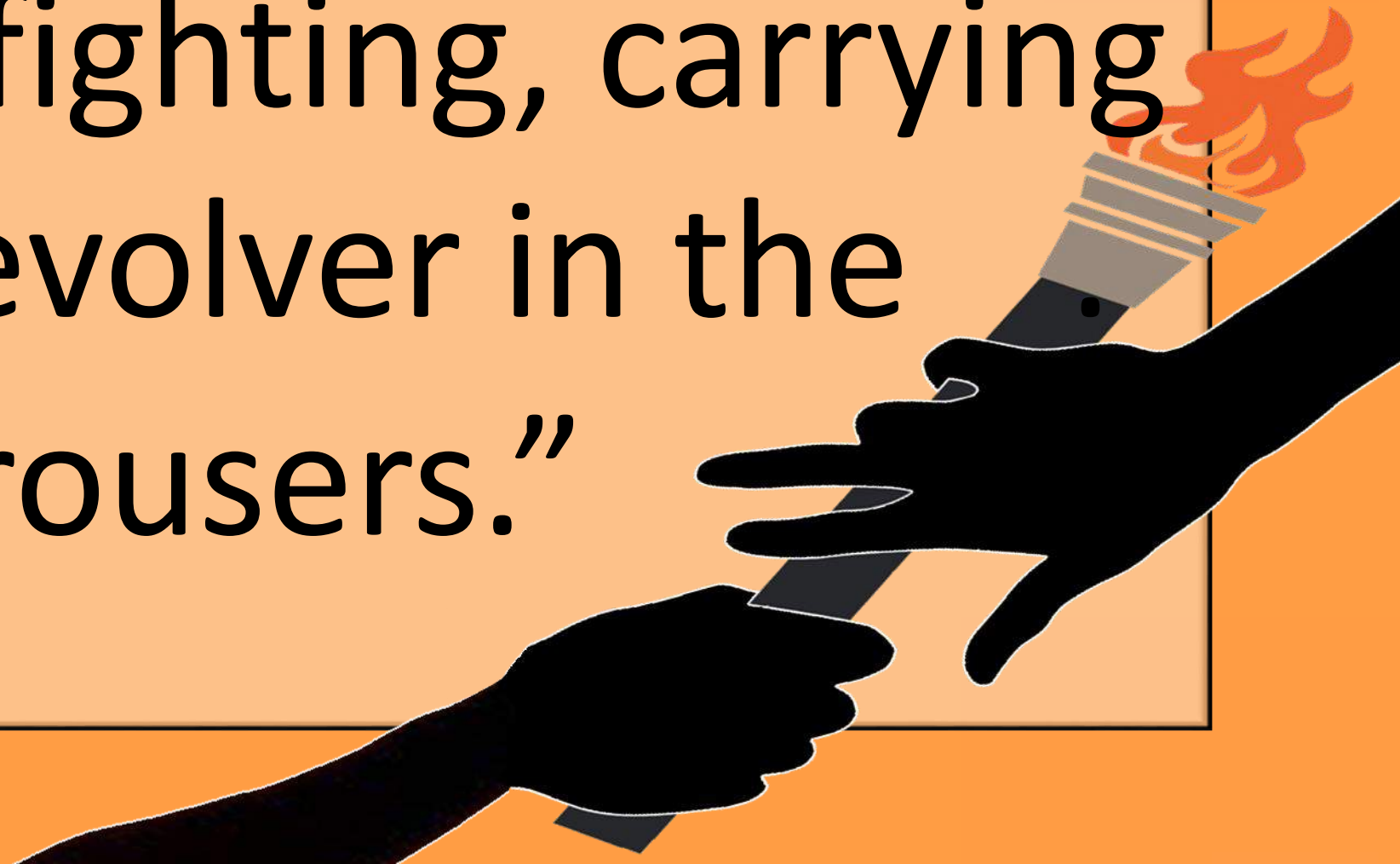
DON'T open the door to
validate something that
could cause detrimental
damage to another
person's **life**



IX. “NOT **Pugnacious**” =
a **striker**; ready for a fight;
a **quarrelsome** person



Charles Spurgeon – “DON’T go about the world with your fists doubled up for fighting, carrying a theological revolver in the leg of your trousers.”



X. **“Gentle”** = handling things
in a **mild & fair** manner

An Elder should **demonstrate**
Christlike **love**, even when
faced with **criticism**



XI. **“Peaceable”** = a
peacemaker; NOT a
troublemaker

Warren Wiersbe –
“Short tempers make for
short ministries”



XII. Free from the **Love** of **Money**

Any decision an Elder
makes should **NOT**
be **swayed** by **money**



XIII. Manages His Own
Household Well

I Timothy 3:4-5



How you see him **leading**
his **family** is evidence of
how he'll **lead** the **church**



XIV. “NOT a **Novice**” = literally
means – NOT one **newly planted**

XV. A **Good Reputation**

Outside the Church



SO WHAT?

