



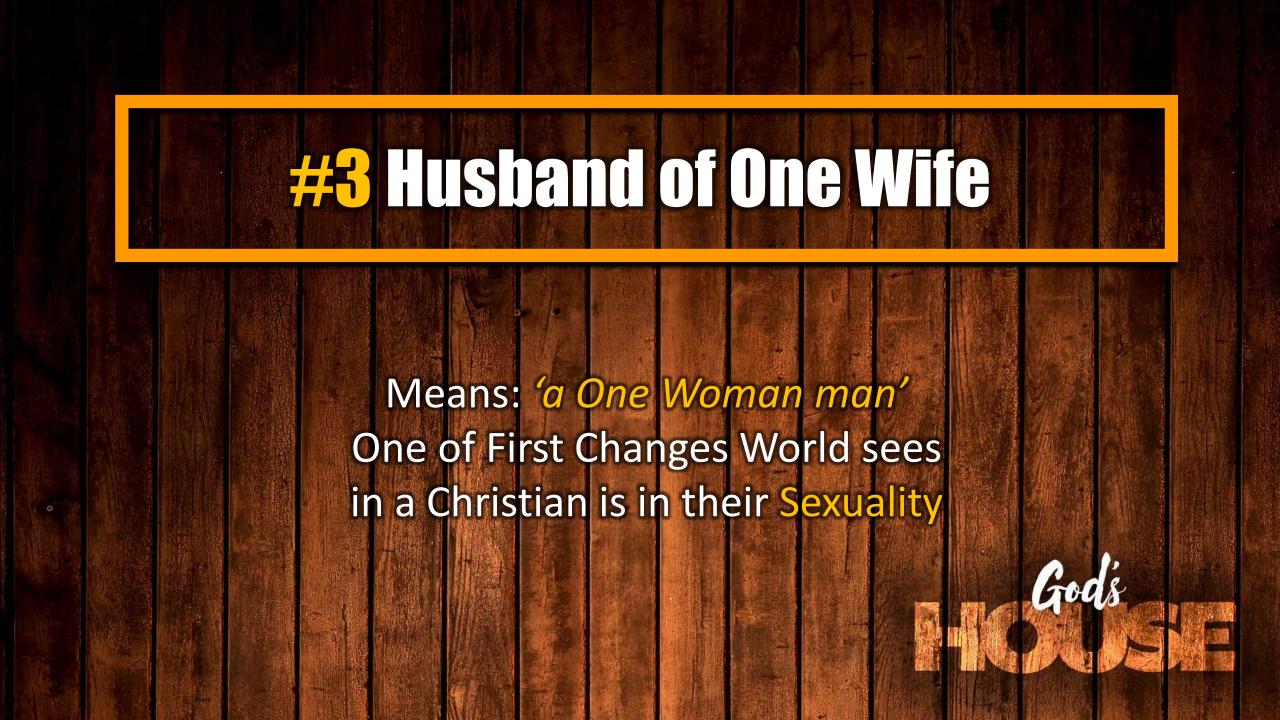
- 1. All NT Churches were led by Plurality of Elders
- 2. Overseer, Bishop, Elder, Pastor, Presbyter all same office in NT
- 3. God is much more concerned with Character than Ability
- 4. Elders are the primary example of Christian Maturity
- 5. Qualifications of Elders are Marks of Maturity for all Christians





Means: 'nothing to be legitimately accused of' What have you Lost by Living Above Reproach?







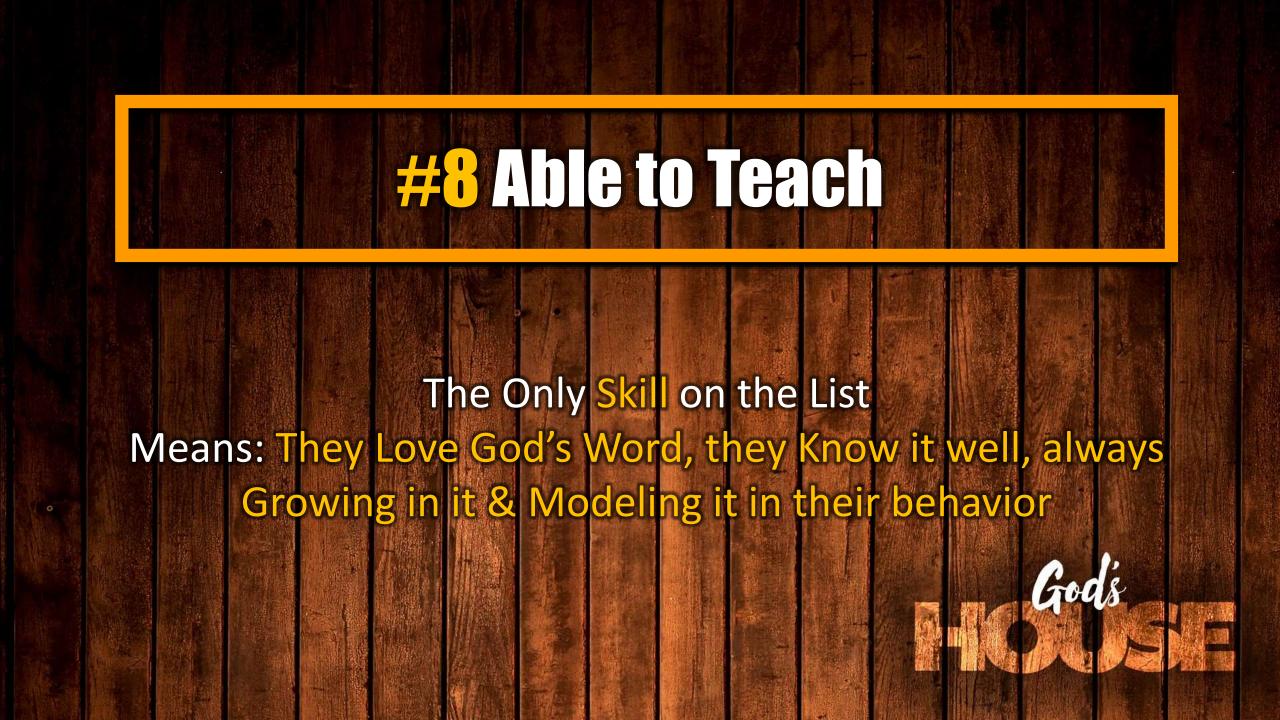
Self-Controlled in Thoughts & Actions

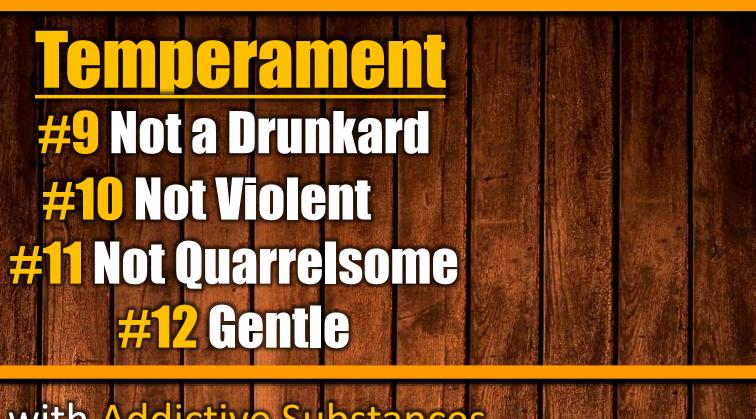
Do not Run to Excesses

Practice Delayed Gratification









Means: Careful with Addictive Substances
Do not handle Conflict with Physical,
Emotional, or Verbal Abuse or Violence
Gentleness means Strength Restrained





Mature Christians handle their Money different than world They Live: simply, generously & sacrificially, content If you struggle with Money than Give Generously



Means: Elders lead a church like a Godly Father If he cannot handle the little he cannot handle the Big



Means We do not remain a Novice Mature Christians have been Proven

Gods



What does the World say about you?
Living different lives leads to Hypocrisy

## MARKS of MATURITY 1 Timothy 3:1-7

1. Do you have the DESIRE?

2. Are you living ABOVE REPROACH?

3. Are you LOVING & HONORING Spouse?

4. Are you CONTROLLED in thought?

5. Are you CONTROLLED in action?

6. Are you RESPECTABLE?

7. Are you HOSPITABLE?

8. Are you TEACHING God's Truth?

## MARKS of MATURITY

I Timothy 3:1-7

9. Are you ADDICTED to anything?

10. Are you VIOLENT?

11. Are you QUARREL-SOME?

12. Are you GENTLE?

13. Are you in LOVE with MONEY?

14. Are you MANAGING Household?

15. Are you a NOVICE in the faith?

15. Are you RESPECTED by Outsiders?

## Marks of Maturity Test Yourself

