

ELDERSHIP STUDY

“Blameless”

“Above reproach”

Above Reproach (Blameless)

1 Timothy 3:2 ²A bishop then must be **blameless...** (KJV, NKJV)

1 Timothy 3:2 ²An overseer, then, must be **above reproach** (NASB)

Titus 1:6-7 ⁶if a man is **blameless...** ⁷For a bishop must be **blameless...** (KJV, NKJV)

Titus 1:6-7 ⁶namely, if any man is **above reproach...**
⁷ For the overseer must be **above reproach ...**(NASB)

“Blameless” Defined

ANEPILEPTOS (1 Tim. 3:2)—“from A (a negative particle) and EPILEPTOS (‘to seize’); not arrested, i.e. (by implication) inculpable:—blameless, unrebukeable.”

- ❖ **To be above reproach means to be free from any offensive or disgraceful blight of character or conduct (Strauch).**

“Blameless” Defined

ANEGKLETOS (Tit. 1:6, 7)—“from A (a negative particle) and a EGKALEO (‘to call in’); unaccused, i.e. (by implication) irreproachable:—blameless.” A synonym of the foregoing, it means “unaccused,” that is, one whose character or conduct is free from any damaging moral or spiritual accusations.

“Blameless” Defined

AMEMPHOMAI (Phil 2:15; Lk. 1:6; 1 Thess. 3:13)
—“from A (negative particle) **MEMPHOMAI**
(‘to find fault, blame’).

AMOMOS (Col. 1:22)—“from A (negative particle)
and **MOMOS** (‘a blemish, flaw’); unblemished
(literally or figuratively):—without blame
(blemish, fault, spot), faultless, unblamable.

All are enjoined to be blameless

1 Cor. 1:8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be **blameless** in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Phil. 2:15 that you may become **blameless** and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

Col. 1:22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and **blameless**, and **above reproach** in His sight--

1 Thess. 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved **blameless** at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Tim. 5:7 And these things give in charge, that they may be **blameless**.

1 Tim. 6:14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, **unrebukeable**, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Pet. 3:14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and **blameless**;

Examples

- ❖ **Job (Job 1:1)**
- ❖ **Nehemiah (Neh. 6:10-13)**
- ❖ **Paul (1 Thess. 2:10; 2 Cor. 6:3; 2 Cor. 8:20)**
- ❖ **Peter (Gal. 2:11; 1 Pet. 5:1)**
- ❖ **The Seven (Acts 6:3)**
- ❖ **Timothy (Acts 16:1-3)**