I Tim 3:4-5; Tit. I:6

- Must elders have MORE THAN ONE child?
- Must elders' children be CHRISTIANS?
- Must elders' have LIVING, FAITHFUL children?

"must be" ITim3:2;Tit I:7 "is" / "be" Tit I:6

- CHARACTER qualifications
- THIS is why we look at his children —what do they say about the man?
- CONTINUES to be (present tense)
 —as long as he serves

"children" - more than one?

- "children" plural (Greek)
- Plurals sometimes indefinite
 - Our language
 - Scripture

Mt 22:24 "if a man (sing) die, having no children (plur)"
--- Compare Dt 25:5, "has no son (sing)"
Mk 10:29 "there is no man (s) that hath left...children (pl)"
I Tim 5:4 "if any widow (sing) have children (plur)"

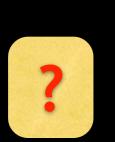
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- Ability to *procreate* or ability to *rule* under consideration?
- Parallel, |Tim 3:4,5—number or how rule?
- More than one child experience ... ? (subjective)

- "faithful" (KJV, NKJV)-or-"believing" (NASB, ASV)?
 ESV, "are believers" NOT a verb ... pistos = adjective
 - Which reflects *character* of the father...?
 - Parallel passage | Tim 3:4,5
 - Contrast in the passage ... "not"



- "I'll have steak, not tea" (or, "not ham"?)
- "I'll have coffee, not tea"



- "children who are Christians, NOT accused of dissipation or rebellion" (or, "not infidels"?)
- "children who are trustworthy, NOT accused of dissipation or rebellion" <u>Ac 14:21-23</u>

"having faithful children..." Tit 1:6 Age (gone from home)? ... Apostasy? ... Death?

• "having" (echOn) = pres. part.

MAY identify the person, or refer to some quality about the person, in connection with such action
Jn 6:33,50 "bread of God which comes down [pres. part. - "is coming down"]
Mk 6:14 "Jhn the Baptist" [pres. part. - "baptizing one"]
ASV, "the baptizer" ESV ftnt, "Greek baptizer"
Mt 22:24 "having no children" (echOn tekna - just as in Tit 1:6) "having faithful children…" Tit I:6
Age? ... Apostasy? ... Death?

- "having" CAN be, "hav. faith. chldn kind of man"
- Cntxt Tit 1:6 action or quality of character known by action?
 Ac 16:1,2; 2Tim 1:5
- Parallel | Tim 3:4-5 "manages his household well, keeping (pres. part.) his children under control"
- Free moral agency
- Prov 22:6?
- If ALL apostatize ... ?

Ac 14:23;Tit 1:5