A Bishop = A Man Who Has Fulfilled the Requirements Given to Every Christian

Qualifications of an Elder	Requirements of Every Christian
1. Apt to teach	1. Apt to teach (2 Tim. 2:2; 1 Pet. 3:15)
2. Sober-minded	2. Sober-minded (1 Peter 5:8)
3. Hold fast the faithful word	3. Hold fast the faithful word (Eph. 4:14)
4. Husband of one wife	4. Husband of one wife (if married, Rom. 7:1-4)
5. Rules well his own house	5. Man is the head of the home (Eph. 5:22-23)
6. Have children in subjection	6. Have children in subjection (Eph. 6:4; Heb. 12:9)
7. Faithful children	7. Faithful children (Deut. 6:4-10; 2 Tim. 1:5)
8. Patient, or gentle	8. Patient, or gentle (James 3:17; 5:7-8)
9. No brawler	9. Not contentious (Titus 3:2)
10. No striker	10. Turn the other cheek (Matt. 5:38,39)
11. Not a novice	11. Become of full age (Heb. 5:13-14; 2 Pet. 3:18)
12. Not soon angry	12. Not soon angry (Col. 3:8; James 1:19)
13. Not self-willed	13. Concern for others (Phil. 2:3; Eph. 5:21; James 3:17)
14. Just	14. Not partial or prejudiced (James 2:1-9; John 7:24)
15. Temperate	15. Temperate (2 Pet. 1:6)
16. Blameless	16. Blameless (Phil. 2:14-16)
17. Orderly, good behavior	17. Modest in dress and manner (1 Tim. 2:9; Matt. 5:16)
18. Given to hospitality	18. Given to hospitality (Rom. 12:13; 1 Pet. 4:9)
19. Not given to wine	19. Not given to wine (Eph. 5:18)
20. Not greedy for money	20. Not greedy for money (1 Tim. 6:9,10)
21. A good report from without	21. A good report from without (Phil. 2:15)
22. A lover of good	22. A lover of good (2 Tim. 3:3)
23. Holy	23. Holy (1 Pet. 1:15,16)
24. Not of constraint	24. Have a willing mind (2 Cor. 8:12)
25. Not lords, but examples	25. Not lords, but examples (Matt. 20:26-28; Gal. 5:13)

Is the elder really to be held to a higher standard of morality than what is expected of anyone of us? Consider these passages before answering that question.