Question 188) - Who is most entitled to be Imaam?

A: The most entitled is he who has most knowledge of the Sunnah and Shari'ah, especially the rules of Salah. This is according to Imaam Abu Hanifa RA. Imaam Abu Yusuf RA says that he who is most versed in reading Allaah's Kitab is more entitled. If they are equal, then the most pious. If they are equal, then the eldest.

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