

The Church needs leaders who are credible examples and willing servants

(qualifies the called)

How many should be ministers in a church?-----**credible examples and willing servant**

I Tim 3

1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; 3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; 4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) 6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

1. Reputable— consistent recommendable character

“blameless”(2)

Of good behavior(2)

Not greedy of filthy lucre (contented) (3)

Not covetous(3)

(7) Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

2. Relatable and outgoing--

Given to hospitality(2) (fond of guests) - loves people: familiar or stranger

Connect, contribute

Not a striker- not pugnacious, quarrelsome(3)

Patient, not a brawler(amachos) (3)

3. Responsible--

Vigilant(2)

Sober(2)

Not given to wine (3) (*paroinos*- alongside of wine)

4. Relationships—

Husband of one wife(2)

Rules (presides over, maintains) over his own household **well** (rightly)(4)

Children in subjection (obey) with all gravity(respect)(4)

5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

5. Ready for the work—

Apt to teach

Not a novice (newly-planted)(6)

lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

The responsibilities of a Pastor

(Six words in English Bible) shepherd, teacher, overseer, superintendent, bishop, elder

1. The particular Duties of a pastor's service

A. Feed the Flock (group teaching, training; individual teaching, training, counsel)

I Peter 5:2 “feed(shepherd) the flock of God”

Titus 2:1 “speak...sound doctrine”

Titus 2:15 “speak, exhort, rebuke with all authority”

B. Oversee and administrate

overseer, bishop- Acts 20:28 (episkopos)

I Timothy 3:1 bishop (episkopos)

superintend(rule)- Hebrews 13:7 (hegeomai)
Hebrews 13:17(watch for your souls--shepherd)
(stay awake over you)
elder- Titus 1:5 (presbuteros) *mature*-in word, in character
pastor -teacher- Eph 4:11 (poimen-didaskalos)
(shepherd--instructor, trainer, coach)
accept the oversight-I Peter 5:2-3 (episkopos)
not by constraint--but gladly
not for money--but with a mind to accomplish God's work
not as a lord-- but a leading example to God's heritage

C. Discern matters of Controversy

(Rendering a judgement in special situations that is consistent with God's Word.)

I.Cor.6:1-8 - justice and church discipline

Acts 15:2,4,6; 16:4-5 - Matters of Bible interpretation

D. Special ministries of Prayer

Acts 6:2,4 - prayer for discernment, direction, intercession

James 5:13-18 - prayer for the sick

Acts 16: 16-18 - ministry of deliverance

E. Appoint qualified people to serve in ministry

Acts 6: 1-7 - deacons

II.Tim.2:2 - faithful men, as teachers

Titus 2:3-5 - mature women, to women's ministry (I.Tim.5:5, 9-11)

Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5 - elders

F. Accountability of elders

Heb.13:17

To God - I.Peter 5:3-4, James 3:1, I.Cor.4:1-2

To fellow believers - Eph.5:21

2. The Particular duties of the church toward elders

A. Give them the opportunity to lead

Hebrews 13:7,17-- follow their faith

I.Cor.16:15-16 -- "submit yourselves"

B. Financially support

I.Tim.5:17-18 -- "double honor"

I.Cor.9:7-14--"they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Gal.6:6 -- "communicate"

C. Respect his office

I.Thess.5:12-13 -- "over you in the Lord... esteem them highly"

I.Tim.5:19 -- do not receive an unsubstantiated accusation

D. Encourage and support

Exodus 17: 8-14 Moses "supported" by Aaron & Hur