

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Titus 1:5-9

Who can serve in pastoral church leadership?

One who is ...

I. BLAMELESS IN GENERAL (6a)

A. THE CONDITION: “Above reproach”

1. One without accusation
2. No glaring shortcomings

B. THE QUALIFICATION: “If any man is ...”

1. Look at his life ... ask questions
2. Not everyone qualifies for pastoral leadership

C. SOME CONSIDERATIONS

1. God reveals His expectations here in His inspired Word
- See also I Timothy 3:2-7
2. God’s standards for church leadership are high

One who is ...

II. BLAMELESS AT HOME (6b)

A. A FAITHFUL HUSBAND ...

- True to his one and only wife

B. WITH A COMMENDABLE FAMILY

- Believing and behaving children

One who is ...

III. BLAMELESS AS GOD’S STEWARD (7-9)

A. HIS MINISTRY (7a)

1. An overseer of people
2. A steward of God

B. HIS CHARACTER (7-8)

1. Five prohibited things (7)
 - a. Self-willed: A proud self-interest
 - b. Quick-tempered: Easily provoked
 - c. Addicted to wine: Continually in the presence of wine
 - d. Pugnacious: Violent, quarrelsome or feisty
 - e. Fond of sordid gain: Using his position for profit
2. Six prescribed things (8)
 - a. Hospitable: Providing practical help to others
 - b. Loving what is good: Discernment with his affections
 - c. Sensible: Cool headed, not crazy or impulsive
 - d. Just: Being fair with others
 - e. Devout: Wholly separated unto God
 - f. Self-controlled: Capable of self-restraint

C. HIS DOCTRINE (9)

1. Holding fast: A man of conviction
2. Able to exhort and refute: A man with capability

CONCLUSION:**The desire of our church should be that of being “set in order”**

- As a “set in order” pastor I must model moral and doctrinal purity
- As a “set in order” church you must always insist on biblical pastoral leadership

May God help us be an orderly church