

SCRIPTURAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTING ELDERS Pt. 2 (Titus 1:6-9)

A. The SCOOP on SPIRITUAL LEADERS.

B. The SCRIPTURAL CRITERIA for PASTORS / ELDERS is NOT a person's ...

C. The GENERAL OBSERVATIONS about QUALIFICATIONS for PASTORS / ELDERS:

D. The SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS of a PASTOR / ELDER. (Tit. 1:6-9) He must be ...

1. *Regarding his marriage ...* _____ - the husband of one wife. (1:6a)

Literally a "one-woman" man.

2. *Regarding his family ... having* _____, {who are} not {rightfully} accused of _____ or _____. (1:6b) What does this mean & why would this be important?

Regarding Character Traits - Negatively ...

3. not _____ ... as a steward of God. (1:7a) - self-willed or self-seeking; arrogant & despising authority; he is to be a team player; not driven by strong self-dependence or an attitude of entitlement; not acting like a "lord

4. not _____ (1:7b) – not easily provoked which is important when dealing with immature sheep. This does not preclude righteous anger over sins such as abuse, molestation, etc. or even false gospels and false teachings {Gal. 1:6-9} or false accusations {2 Cor. 10-12}.

5. not _____ (1:7c) - not addicted to wine; a drunkard; a heavy drinker; does not demand total abstinence from alcohol; doesn't surrender his body to any substance per se; however, he uses Christian liberty wisely to serve Christ and not stumble others (1 Cor. 8:11; 1 Tim. 5:23).

6. not _____ (1:7d) - not a striker, violent, pugnacious, a bully; or verbally abusive.

7. not _____ (1:7e) – not characterized by covetousness but contentment, nor driven by money & what it can do

Regarding Character Traits - Positively ... "but" {rather, but, instead}

8. _____ (1:8a) - lover of strangers; hospitable; generous; easily overcomes the differences to make them feel welcome; 1 Peter 4:9; 3 John 5-8.

9. _____ (1:8b) What does this involve?

10. _____ (1:8b) – reasonable, exercising sound judgment based upon principle & not emotions – 2:2, 5, 6, 12.
11. _____ (1:8c) - just; fair in his relationships w others; embracing what is right & doing it; a person of his word within reason.
12. _____ (1:8d) - set apart to God; devout in his walk w the Lord.
13. _____ (1:8e) - self-controlled; disciplined, unlike the Cretans.

Regarding Doctrinal Faithfulness & Discernment ...

14. _____ the faithful word _____, that he may be able, _____, both to exhort and convict those who contradict {oppose}. (1:9)

- What is included in 1 Timothy 3 that is implied but not stated specifically in Titus 1?
- What about the elder's / pastor's wife? Is this a must? (1 Tim. 3:11)
- What did this evaluation / confirmation process of elders & deacons look like then & today? (1 Tim. 3:10; Acts 6:3-4, 13:3; 14:23; 1 Tim. 4:14, 5:22-25; 2 Tim. 1:6; Tit. 1:6) What is involved?

- How does this apply to DBC and our present needs?