

The Importance and Role of Shepherding



The “General Qualifications” of a Shepherd

- His **Character** – May 22
- His Reputation – May 29



A hand with a watch points at a small globe on a wooden table. The globe is on a brass stand and sits on a red passport. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with plants and a railing.

HIS LOVINGKINDNESS
IS EVERYWHERE

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Qualifications as to his Character

I. “Must be **blameless**” (1 Tim 3:2).

- Def: “One who is *above the established charge of evil.*”
- Not *sinless perfection*!
- No charge of guilt can be proved against him.



Qualifications as to his Character

II. “Vigilant, Temperate, Sober” (I Tim 3:2, Titus 1:8).

- **Vigilant** = “To *be on the alert, circumspect.*”
- **Temperate** = “Possesses self-control, self-mastery, not *brought under the power of anything.*”



Qualifications as to his Character

II. “Vigilant, Temperate, Sober” (I Tim 3:2, Titus 1:8).

- **Sober** = “Of *sound mind*, calm, *even-tempered*, able to exercise good judgment, not rash or flippant.”



Qualifications as to his Character

III. “Must be Patient” (I Tim 3:3).

- “To be *equitable, fair, considerate*, adverse to contention, gentle.”
- Vines: “Able to look *humanely and reasonably at the facts of the case.*”
- *Elder* = “*easily entreated.*”



Qualifications as to his Character

IV. “Must be holy ” (Titus 1:8).

- “*Undefiled by sin, pure, pious, saintly, kind, a religious man.*”
- Set his life apart for **God's purpose** (Romans 6:12-14).



Qualifications as to his Character

V. “Must be just ” (Titus 1:8).

- Def: “Observant of right, even, strict, rendering to each his due, *passing righteous judgment* on others.”
- Must not be *partial or political*.



Qualifications as to his Character

VI. “Must not be covetous, or greedy for money ” (I Tim 3:3, Titus 1:7, I Peter 5:2).

- Covetous – “Not emotionally involved with money, free from *avarice*.”
- Greedy – “Fond of *dishonest gain*.”

Qualifications as to his Character

VII. “Must not be self-willed ” (Titus 1:7, I Peter 5:3).

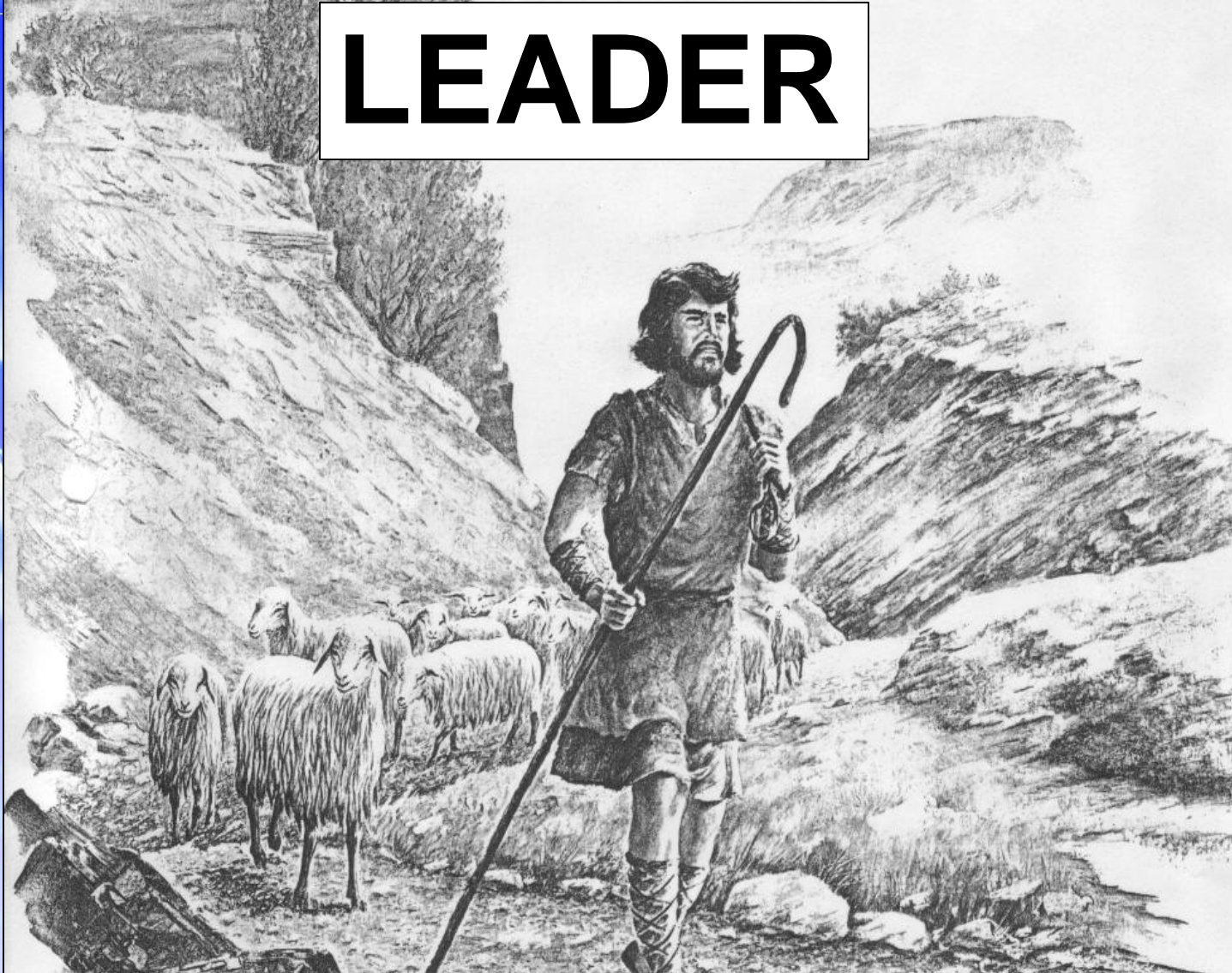
- “Not willful, stubborn, headstrong, self-pleasing, will not listen to the counsel or warnings of others.”
- **DANGER:** Lord over the flock!
- Diotrephes –(III John 9).

Qualifications as to his Character

- **REMEMBER:** These are character traits that **all Christians** should strive to possess!
- **ELDERS** should possess these traits to a *greater than average (mature) degree!*



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“Being **examples** to the flock”
(I Peter 5:3)