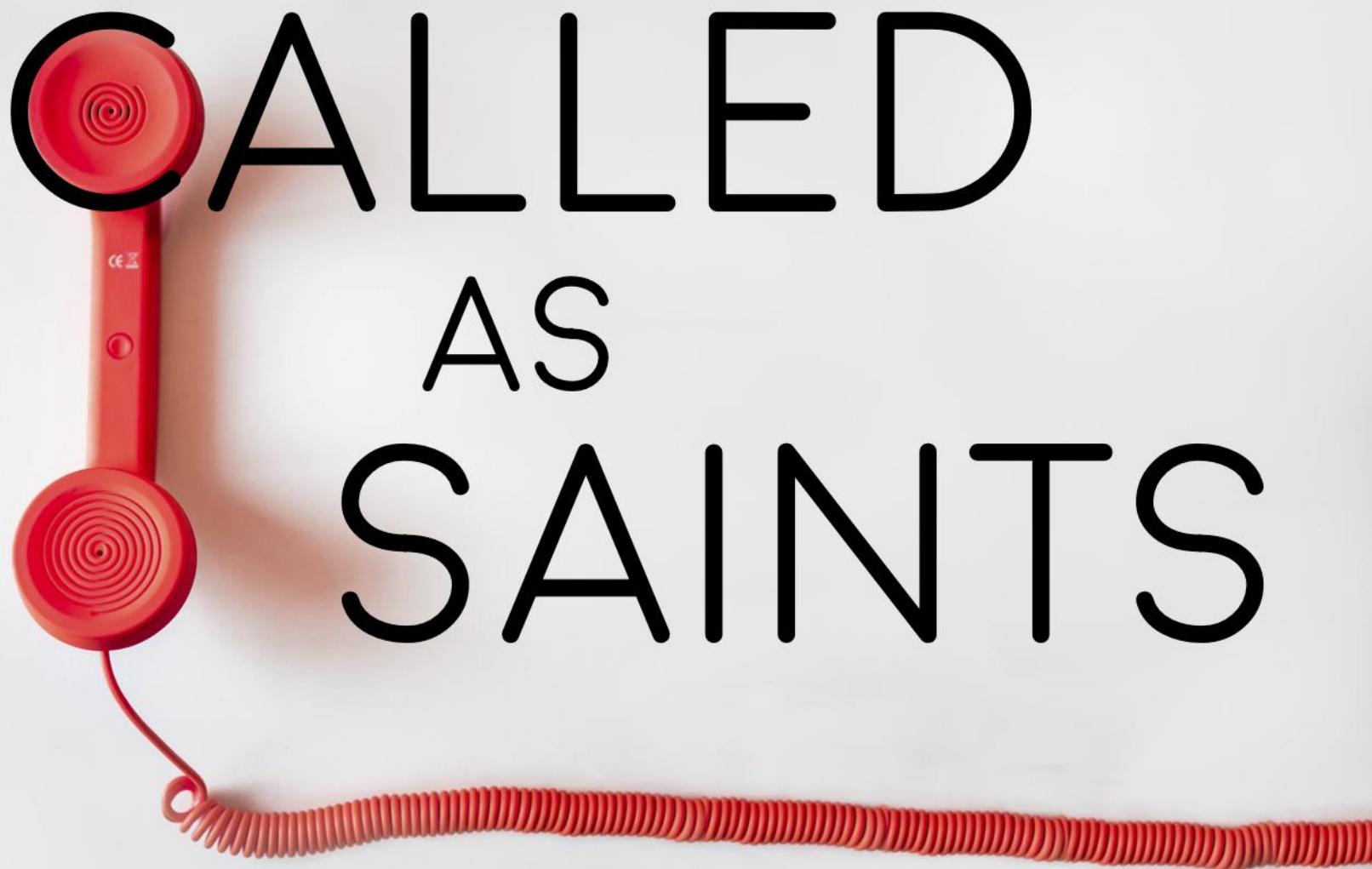


The “General Qualifications” of a Shepherd

- His Character
- His Reputation





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Qualifications as to his **REPUTATION**

I. “Must be of **good behavior**”
(I Tim 3:2).

➤ Def: “**Moderate, orderly, well-behaved, modest.**”

➤ “The ***outward life*** reflects the true quality of the ***Christ within.***”



Qualifications as to his **REPUTATION**

II. “Must be a **lover of good**”
(Titus 1:8).

- Deals with an ***emotional*** **commitment** to what is right & holy.
- **Loves righteousness** and hates evil
(Heb 1:9).



Qualifications as to his **REPUTATION**

II. “Must be a **lover of good men**”
(Titus 1:8).

- Doesn't *use* people, he **loves them!**
- He ***develops and uses men in the service of the Lord.***



Qualifications as to his **REPUTATION**

III. “Must be given to **hospitality**”
(I Tim 3:2, Titus 1:8).

- Def: “Generous to, and a **lover of guests.**”
- Must know and be able to meet spiritual needs on a *personal* level.



Qualifications as to his **REPUTATION**

IV. “Must not be a **striker**, a **brawler**, or *soon angry* (Titus 1:7).

- Striker = “*Ready with a blow, contentious.*”
- Brawler = “*A fighter, quarrelsome.*”



Qualifications as to his **REPUTATION**

V. “Must not be **given to wine**”
(I Tim 3:3).

- Gk: “Does not **linger over the wine.**”
- Warns **against excess**. Not a total condemnation.



“Must not be **given to wine**”

➤ To what extent or how should one **exercise this liberty** (1 Cor 6:12)?



Three Questions to Consider:

1. Will drinking alcohol hurt my **Christian influence**?
2. Will it cause others **to sin** and drink to excess?
3. Will it cause others to **violate their conscience** (Rm 14:15-23)?



Qualifications as to his **REPUTATION**

VI. “Must have a **good report from without**” (I Tim 3:7).

- “Character is *good and honorable* among those that are not members of the church.”

