



The “General Qualifications” of Shepherds

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning: 10:30 am
Scripture Reading: I Tim 3: 1-10

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Intro.

- A. The study of the general qualifications applies to all Christians!
- B. We will start with qualifications that reflect upon his c_____.

I. MUST BE BLAMELESS (I Tim 3:2, Titus 1:7).

- A. “Definition: “Not open to accusation, irreproachable.”
- B. Not s_____ but has repented of sins as he is made aware of them.

II. MUST BE VIGILANT, TEMPERATE, SOBER (I Tim 3:2, Titus 1:8).

- A. Vigilant: “Watchful, alert, carefulness to duty.”
- B. Temperate: “Self-controlled, self-mastery, has power over himself.”
- C. Sober: “Of sound m_____, even tempered, good judgment, not rash.”

III. MUST BE PATIENT OR GENTLE (I Tim 3:3). “Considerate, forbearing.”

IV. MUST BE HOLY (Titus 1:8). “Undefined by sin, pure, set a_____ by God.”

V. MUST BE JUST (Titus 1:8).

- A. “Observant of right, even, exact, rendering fair judgments.”
- B. He will not be partial or political, especially in exercising d_____.

VI. MUST NOT BE COVETOUS, GREEDY FOR MONEY (I Tim 3:5).

- A. Covetousness deals with the heart – not filled with avarice.
- B. Not willing to get involved with shady deals or dishonest gain.

VII. MUST NOT BE SELF-WILLED (Titus 1:7).

- A. “Not willful, s_____, headstrong, self-pleasing, arrogant. “
- B. If an elder is overly dominate, he will not listen or admit wrong.
- C. Not self-pleasing, someone who makes decisions for personal benefit.
- D. Risk of being a Diotrefes, who lords over the flock (III John 9).

Conclusion:

- A. Elders should have these qualities to a mature degree!
- B. All Christians should strive to emulate these traits.

SCRAMBLED ANSWERS:

stubborn
mind
sinless
apart
discipline
character