

SHEPHERDS OF THE FLOCK

Pt 2

1 Timothy 3 – Titus 1

- I. A RIGHT VIEW OF GOD
- II. A RIGHT VIEW OF MAN
- III. A RIGHT VIEW OF SCRIPTURE
- IV. A RIGHT VIEW OF THE CHURCH
- V. A RIGHT VIEW OF LEADERSHIP

Aspects of church leadership...

A. THE NECESSITY OF ELDERS

B. THE FUNCTION OF ELDERS

C. THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS

1 Tim 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9

1. PUBLIC REPUTATION

2. GENERAL LIFESTYLE

C. THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS

1. PUBLIC REPUTATION

2. GENERAL LIFESTYLE

- A Faithful Husband
- A Clearheaded Thinker
- Disciplined

1 Tim 3:2 - respectable

2:9 = proper

C. THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS

1. PUBLIC REPUTATION

2. GENERAL LIFESTYLE

- A Faithful Husband
- A Clearheaded Thinker
- Well Disciplined
- Welcoming to Visitors

1 Tim 3:2 - hospitable

literally – it means a ‘love of strangers.’

2. GENERAL LIFESTYLE

- A Faithful Husband
- A Clearheaded Thinker
- Well Disciplined
- Welcoming to Visitors
- Even-tempered

1 Tim 3:3 – (not) pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable...

Titus 1:7 – not quick-tempered

2. GENERAL LIFESTYLE

- A Faithful Husband
- A Clearheaded Thinker
- Well Disciplined
- Welcoming to Visitors
- Even-tempered
- Not Greedy

1 Tim 3:3 – ...free from the love of money.

1 Tim 6:10 – ...the root of all evil...

Titus 1:7 - ...not fond of sordid gain...

2. GENERAL LIFESTYLE

- A Faithful Husband
- A Clearheaded Thinker
- Well Disciplined
- Welcoming to Visitors
- Even-tempered
- Not Greedy
- Not Stubborn

Titus 1:7 - ...not self-willed...

2. GENERAL LIFESTYLE

- A Faithful Husband
- A Clearheaded Thinker
- Well Disciplined
- Welcoming to Visitors
- Even-tempered
- Not Greedy
- Not Stubborn
- Attracted to Goodness

Titus 1:8 - ...loving what is good...

Phil 4:8 - ... whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.

2. GENERAL LIFESTYLE

- A Faithful Husband
- A Clearheaded Thinker
- Well Disciplined
- Welcoming to Visitors
- Even-tempered
- Not Greedy
- Not Stubborn
- Attracted to Goodness
- Sensitive to Sin

Titus 1:8 - ...devout...

Refers to the pursuit of *holiness*.

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- Well Disciplined
- Welcoming to Visitors
- Even-tempered
- Not Greedy
- Not Stubborn
- Attracted to Goodness
- Sensitive to Sin
- **Balanced**

Titus 1:8 - ...self-controlled...

= in control of strength

C. THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS

1. PUBLIC REPUTATION
2. GENERAL LIFESTYLE
3. ABILITY TO INFLUENCE

- *Phil 4:9 - The things you have learned ...and seen in me, practice these things.*
- *1 Pet 5:3 - (prove) to be examples to the flock.*

C. THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS

1. PUBLIC REPUTATION
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4 He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity 5 (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?)

5:17 = rule

C. THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS

1. PUBLIC REPUTATION
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3. ABILITY TO INFLUENCE

Titus 1:6

NASB/ESV - *having children who **believe**, not accused of dissipation or rebellion.*

LSB – *having **faithful** children, who are not accused of dissipation, or rebellious.*

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Titus 1:6

The Greek term is *pistos* – can have a passive or active sense.

passive = ‘faithful’ – *2 Tim 2:2 – faithful men*

active = ‘believing’ – *1 Tim 6:2 – believers*

Facts to consider:

- *pistos* is translated in the passive sense in MOST passages in the New Testament and rendered as 'faithful'
- whenever this term *pistos* is used to directly modify a noun in the NT, it is consistently translated *faithful* or *trustworthy*
- when the term is speaking of someone under authority...it is ALWAYS translated 'faithful'

- the qualifiers *dissipation and rebellion*...or *debauchery or insubordination*...don't fit someone who is a believer
- *dissipation and rebellion* seem to apply to OLDER children...even though in both *1 Tim 3* and *Titus* the same Greek term *teknon* is used to describe *children*. So no definite distinction is made by Paul in the two passages. However, the verb 'having' in both passages implies that these *children* are still 'possessed' by the father – I.e... are IN HIS HOME.
- The requirement that the children be *saved* introduces a huge element of subjectivity. Saving faith can often be very difficult to discern and determine in children.

- If this includes adult children out of the home, how do we verify their salvation?
- Interpreting this as referring to ‘saved’ children breaks the present tense pattern of these qualifications.
- Why would Paul leave this very high standard out of the qualifications for elders in the church at Ephesus when writing to Timothy?
- Theologically, salvation is a supernatural act of God. The fact is – even the best Christian father cannot guarantee that his children will be born again.

The weight is on the side of translating this as *faithful children*.

LSB – *having faithful children, who are not accused of dissipation, or rebellious.*

1 Tim 3:5 asks – (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?)

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2. GENERAL LIFESTYLE
3. ABILITY TO INFLUENCE
4. SPIRITUAL MATURITY

1 Tim 3:6 and not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil.

Prov 16:18 – Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling

C. THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS

1. PUBLIC REPUTATION
2. GENERAL LIFESTYLE
3. ABILITY TO INFLUENCE
4. SPIRITUAL MATURITY
5. ABILITY TO TEACH

1 Tim 3:2 - ...able to teach

Titus 1:9 - holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

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2 Tim 2:24-25 - The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome...with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition...

Titus 1:9 - holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

*Just ordinary people,
God uses ordinary people.
He chooses people just like me and you,
who are willing to do as He commands.
God uses people that will give Him all,
no matter how small your all may seem to you;
because little becomes much
as you place it in the Master's hand.*