“Qualified for Spiritual Leadership”

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Introduction:
A. When asked what they look for in a player in the NFL draft, former Dallas Cowboy coach, Tom Landry said, “We look for five things, and the first is ______________.”
B. When it comes to choosing leaders for the church, ______________ is the primary consideration.

I. The Qualifications for Elders
A. Category 1: The Personal Life of the Elder
   1. Above ______________ 8. No ______________.
   2. __________ of one _____ 9. Not ______________.
   3. ____________ 10. Not ______________.
   4. ______________ 11. Not ______________.
   5. ______________ 12. Love what is __________.
   6. ______________ 13. ______________.
   7. Able to __________ 14. Not a lover of __________.

B. Category 2: The Home Life of the Elder
   1. What is the general ___________ of the home?
   2. A man whose children are ______________

C. Category 3: The Spiritual Life of the Elder
   1. Able to __________ the Word of God
   2. Not a recent ____________

D. Category 4: The Public Life of the Elder
   1. A good ______________ with outsiders

II. The Qualifications for Deacons
A. Category 1: The Personal Life of the Deacon
   1. Worthy of ______________ 3. No ______________.
   2. Not ____________ 4. Not pursue __________ gain

B. Category 2: The Spiritual Life of the Deacon
   1. Hold to the deep __________ of the faith
   2. Be __________

C. Category 3: The Home Life of the Deacon
   1. ____________ of one ________
   2. Manage his ____________ and ____________ well

III. The Roles of Elders and Deacons
A. The role of an elder includes the tasks of __________ and __________.
B. The role of a deacon is one who is given __________ for specific __________ in the church.

Conclusion:
A. These character qualifications for elders and deacons should be the __________ that every one of us strives for as followers of Jesus.
B. Many people will never qualify to be an elder or a deacon, but that shouldn’t stop us from begin a __________ follower of Jesus who is willing to __________.