

Recognizing True Spiritual Leadership

1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-11

- 1. Does he desire to be a leader? 1 Timothy 3:1**
To desire this office is not to desire honor, it is to desire work
God needs men who are willing to lead
- 2. How long has he been a Christian? 1 Timothy 3:6-7**
Physical age is important but more so is spiritual maturity
He must have been a Christians long enough to be proven as:
Blameless, good to those outside the church
- 3. What kind of marriage does he have? 1 Timothy 3:2**
Literal translation is “one woman man”
What better example is needed in the church today?
- 4. Do his children respond to his leadership? 1 Timothy 3:4-5**
Notice the word “manage”
He must be able to encourage, love and discipline
- 5. What kind of inner character does he possess? 1 Tim 3:2**
He must be temperate, not impulsive, 1 Tim. 3:2
He must be prudent (sober)-exercising good judgment
- 6. How does he react to circumstances? 1 Timothy 3:2**
Does he exhibit good behavior even in harsh times? 1 Tim3:2
Could he handle the workload of overseeing the church?
- 7. How does he relate to others? 1 Timothy 3:2-3**
Hospitable—is he open to people? (his home and his ear)
Apt to teach-does he know enough? Likely to teach others?
No striker? Does he lose self-control?
Gentle or patient—must he always have his way?
Not a brawler-Is he a fire fighter or a fire starter?
- 8. Does he have bad habits? 1 Timothy 3:3**
Is he given to wine? 1 Timothy 3:3
Is he greedy for money? 1 Timothy 3:3
Is he covetous? For money, power or fame? 1 Timothy 3:3
- 9. Does he know and love the Word of God? Titus 1:9-11**
Hold fast the faithful word
Able to exhort with the word
Able to contradict those who contradict the Word