



The “General Qualifications” of Shepherds

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning: 10:30 am
Scripture Reading: I Peter 5:1-4

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Intro.

- A. The study of the **g**_____ 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. “Def: “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 too dominate, will not **l**_____ or admit wrong.
- C. Not self-pleasing, someone who makes decisions for personal benefit.
- D. Risk of being a Diotrephes, who lords over the flock (III John 9).

Conclusion:

Elders should have these qualities to a **m**_____ degree!

SCRAMBLED ANSWERS:

stubborn	listen
mind	mature
sinless	general
listen	apart
discipline	character