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- The church belongs to God.
- The Pastor is entrusted with a flock belonging to Another.
- The Lord Jesus Christ is the Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 4:4).
- Pastors must engage in careful self-watch and flock-watch.



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-God reveals His choice to a submissive, praying church Acts 13:2

-God reveals His will through His Word and its principles Rom 12:2

-God points the way through His providential demonstrations of direction Phil 2:13

-God leads through essential unity Eph 4:3

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- 3. GOD PROVIDES THE CRITERIA FOR
HIS CHOICE- 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9**



A. General Qualifications

- Desire** (3:1) He has holy desire with right motivation to serve in spiritual oversight of a congregation.
- Above reproach** (3:1; 1:6, 7) He is blameless and has no serious flaws in character or conduct.
- Just** (1:8) He has a keen sense of right and wrong; applies first to his own personal choices and to his responsibilities toward others.

A. General Qualifications

-**Clear testimony** (3:7) His integrity among those outside the church (unbelievers) is recognized, protecting him and the church from a devilish and reproachful snare.



B. Family Qualifications

- **Husband of one wife** (3:2; 1:6). He exemplifies the biblical model of marital fidelity and singular affection for his wife.
- **Rules well his own house** (3:4-5). He first manages his own home and family well thus qualifying him for the broader management of the church.



B. Family Qualifications

-Keeping his children under control (3:4).

His obedient children reflect well upon the spiritual and practical leadership of their father and loving guidance of their mother.

-Has faithful, believing children (1:6).

His children show evidence of God's saving faith and a pattern of faithfulness to Christ rather than wayward living patterns.

C. Character Qualifications

1. Temperate (3:2). thinks with clarity and alertness to spiritual dangers to himself and other believers, avoiding anything that would diminish his discernment.

2. Prudent (3:2; 1:8). exercises thoughtful self-control and good judgment as a prudent leader.

3. Respectable (3:2). He is orderly in his lifestyle and ministry practices, working toward the accomplishment of goals.

C. Character Qualifications

- 4. Hospitable** (3:2; 1:8). He is a people person who meets needs in genuine love.
- 5. Not addicted to wine** (3:3; 1:7). He is careful with intoxicating influences that could blur his judgment
- 6. Not rebellious** (1:6). He controls impulses toward sinful anger and strife.
- 7. Not pugnacious** (3:3). He does not lash out in carnal lack of self-control.

C. Character Qualifications

- 8. uncontentious** (3:3). He does not seek or engage in either verbal or physical conflicts with others; he is not argumentative or violent.
- 9. Gentle** (3:3). He is mild-mannered, kind, gentle, and reasonable.
- 10. Free from the love of money** (3:3; 1:7). He is not motivated by selfish and inappropriate gain. He does not live to serve himself with things

C. Character Qualifications

- 11. Not self-willed** (1:7). He is not arrogant, thinking his way is always best, and he is not selfish in his dealings with others.
- 12. Lover of good** (1:8). He loves the good and wholesome in people and life.
- 13. Devout** (1:8). He lives under the control of spiritual values.



D. Developmental Qualifications

- 1. Not a new convert** (3:6). He is not a novice or an immature believer but rather is proven.
- 2. Able to teach** (3:2). He is capable of understanding, explaining, and applying God's Word.



D. Developmental Qualifications

3. Capable in the Word (1:9):

+ **Holding fast** (1:9). He is tenacious in his defense of God's truth.

+ **Able to exhort and refute** (1:9). He is skilled in his ability convince others of God's truth and to defend God's truth against its enemies.



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