

THE OFFICE OF PASTOR #2

PHIL. 1:1 - The Bible gives the nature, qualifications, and duties of the only two officers (Pastor and Deacon) of a New Testament Church (an organized body of baptized believers).

1 TIM. 3:1-7 and TITUS 1:6-9 detail the spiritual qualifications for a pastor according to the Bible in the New Testament

- I. PASTORS MUST BE BLAMELESS 1 TIM. 3:2 / TITUS 1:6&7
 - A. The ministry must not be blamed 2 COR. 6:3&4
 - B. Blameless in his family TITUS 1:6
 - C. Titus connects this requirement to stewardship TITUS 1:7, thereby confirming he is a faithful man 2 COR. 4:1&2

- II. PASTORS MUST BE HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE 1 TIM. 3:2 / TITUS 1:6
 - A. One wife - not at a time, but alive MARK 10:2-12
 1. Bad premise: "tempting him" (vs. 2)
 2. He said, "But from the beginning..." (vs. 6)
 3. No more two, but one (vs. 8)
 4. Let not man (including yourself) put asunder (vs. 9)
 5. In case we were still confused (vs. 11-12)
 - B. Marriage maturity measures spiritual maturity ("elder")
 - C. Marriage under the subject of blamelessness in both
 - D. Remember: All have sinned, God will forgive, all can serve-but God restricts this office only to those never divorced

- III. PASTORS MUST BE VIGILANT 1 TIM. 3:2 / TITUS 1:9
 - A. On the alert, on guard, watchful EZE. 3:17-21
 1. He has a burden, and it will be required of him
 2. He must give no uncertain sound 1 COR. 14:8
 - B. He must rely on God PSA. 127:1

- IV. PASTORS MUST BE SOBER 1 TIM. 3:2 / TITUS 1:8
 - A. "Not allowing control from external or irrational things."
 - B. Balanced in his emotional make up JAMES 1:8
 1. Not drunk, but also not angry, conniving, reckless
 - C. Serious-minded for he will be doing serious work

- V. PASTORS MUST BE OF GOOD BEHAVIOR 1 TIM. 3:2
 - A. In personal conduct (as a Man of God)
 1. Appearance, manners, and speech 1 THESS. 2:10
 2. Not disorderly 2 THESS. 3:7
 - B. In ecclesiastical conduct (in the church)
 1. How to lead in well-behaved manner 1 TIM 3:14-16
 2. Do things decently and in-order 1 COR. 14:40