

THE OFFICE OF PASTOR #5

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7 and TITUS 1:6-9 detail the SPIRITUAL qualifications for a pastor according to the New Testament. He should be THE MODEL CHURCH MEMBER!

- I. PASTORS MUST BE OF GOOD REPORT AROUND THE LOST
 - A. Honest in business dealings
 - B. Highest integrity
 - C. MATT 5:16 - The pastor must be a light in a dark world

- II. PASTORS MUST NOT BE SELF-WILLED
 - A. Self-opinionated and self-serving
 - 1. Well, *I* think... (should support with the Bible)
 - 2. My way or the highway (should rely on the Bible)
 - B. 1 COR. 8:10-13 - Conduct that offends or makes to stumble

- III. PASTORS MUST BE A LOVER OF GOOD MEN
 - A. The company a pastor keeps matters and speaks to character
 - 1. Not regarding pastoral duties - no respecter of persons
 - 2. Not favoritism - pastors should not be cliquish
 - B. PROV. 2:20 - That thou mayest walk in the way of good men.
 - 1. Compare with vs. 11-15
 - 2. Discretion shall preserve thee
 - 3. "Discernment which enables a person to judge critically of what is correct and proper, united with caution, directed by circumspection, and primarily regarding ones own conduct."

- IV. PASTORS MUST BE JUST
 - A. Just means equitable, reasonable, and fair (easy to be intreated)
 - B. JOHN 7:24 - The Christian (and pastors!) is called to judge
 - C. I TIM. 5:21 - Fair is not communistic, but without partiality

- V. PASTOR MUST BE HOLY
 - A. A man of God, not in name only: but in reality, and in life
 - B. I PETER 1:16 - A pastor must be one who "lives it"

- VI. A PASTOR MUST BE TEMPERATE
 - A. Tempered, like steel. A word that signifies "strength"
 - B. One who is in control of ones own appetites and affections
 - C. I COR. 9:25 - Striving for mastery implies "wrestling"

- VII. A PASTOR MUST BE SOUND IN DOCTRINE
 - A. Well-studied in the RIGHT studies
 - 1. Churches need a Baptist Preacher not a "theologian"
 - 2. ABCs of Christian Growth vs. the Seminarian
 - 3. 2 TIM. 3:7 - No need to quote Luther or Calvin
 - B. 2 TIM. 2:15 - Pastors should be well-studied but not high-minded

TWENTY-TWO SPIRITUAL QUALIFICATIONS

(15 - Positive) Blameless, Husband of One Wife, Vigilant, Sober, Good Behavior, Hospitable, Apt to Teach, Patient, Rules Household Well, Good Report Around the Lost, Lover of Good Men, Just, Holy, Temperate, Sound in Doctrine

(7 - Negative) Not Given to Wine, Not a Striker, Not Greedy of Filthy Lucre, Not a Brawler, Not a Covetous Man, Not a Novice, Not Self-Willed