

The Role and Qualifications of the Pastor

1 Timothy 3:1-7

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1.) The List of Qualifications Is Remarkable for Being Unremarkable

2.) The Prime Characteristic of the Pastor Is That his Life Constantly Reflects Biblical Values

Verse 2.

"...For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." (2 Corinthians 11:2)

2 Timothy 1:7

Verse 3

2 Timothy 2:23-26

Verses 4-5

Titus 1:6

Verse 6

Verse 7

1 Timothy 5:21

3.) The Distinctive Characteristic of the Pastor Is That He Is Able To Teach and Preach the Word of God

A.) His Teaching and Preaching is to be Authoritative and Exemplary

B.) His Content is to be Doctrinal and Applicable

1 Timothy 4:11-13

1 Timothy 4:14, 16, "Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy...Continue in them"

1 Timothy 6:17-19

2 Timothy 2:24

2 Timothy 4:1-2

*"And in the pulpit eloquently speaks
On divers matters with both wit and clarity:
Art, Education, God, the Early Greeks,
Psychiatry, Saint Paul, true Christian charity,
Vestry repairs that shortly must begin—
All things but Sin. He seldom mentions Sin."
—Phyllis McGinley*

4.) There Is a Stress in the Pastoral Epistles on Observable Spiritual Growth in the Leaders.

1 Timothy 4:14-16

5.) Two Themes Often Interwoven With Passages About Spiritual Leadership: Doxology and Eschatology.

1 Timothy 6:11-16

2 Corinthians 4:7-12, 15-17

*"Rise up oh men of God,
have done with lesser things,
give heart and soul and strength
to serve the King of Kings."*