

## GODLY ELDERS & THE LOCAL CHURCH Pt. 2 (1 Timothy 3:1-7)

\* A church will never rise about its spiritual \_\_\_\_\_, nor its \_\_\_\_\_ ministry.

### 4. The IMPORTANCE & BIBLICAL QUALIFICATIONS of an ELDER /PASTOR/BISHOP (3:1-7)

#### d. The *scriptural qualifications* of an elder ( 1 Timothy 3:1-7):

1) The *biblical criteria* is **NOT** ...

2) Some *general observations*:

- a) The qualifications apply to \_\_\_\_\_ only, who have been \_\_\_\_\_. (2:4-6)
- b) The qualifications apply to \_\_\_\_\_ only. (2:11-14)
- c) The qualifications are a \_\_\_\_\_, not a maybe. (3:2)
- d) The qualifications stress \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.
- e) The qualifications over-riding requirement is \_\_\_\_\_, not perfection / sinlessness. (3:2a)
- f) The qualifications evaluate the pastor's life \_\_\_\_\_, not where he may have been in the past.
- g) The qualifications touch upon \_\_\_\_\_ areas of a potential elder's relationships & character.
  - How does this come about?

#### 3) The *specific qualifications* of an elder:

- a) As to his inner compulsion: \_\_\_\_\_... "*if a man desires...*"
- b) As to his walk: \_\_\_\_\_... "*blameless*"
- c) As to his marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ ... "*the husband of one wife*"
- d) As to his thinking: \_\_\_\_\_... "*temperate*"
- e) As to his judgment: \_\_\_\_\_... "*sober-minded*"
- f) As to his orderliness: \_\_\_\_\_... "*of good behavior*"
- g) As to his benevolence: \_\_\_\_\_... "*given to hospitality*"
- h) As to his ability with God's Word: \_\_\_\_\_... "*able to teach*"
- i) As to his self-control: \_\_\_\_\_... "*not given to wine*"

- j) As to his disposition:** \_\_\_\_\_... *“not violent”*
- k) As to his motivation:** \_\_\_\_\_... *“not greedy for money”*
- l) As to his treatment of others:** \_\_\_\_\_... *“gentle”*
- m) As to his getting along with others:** \_\_\_\_\_... *“not quarrelsome”*
- n) As to his finances:** \_\_\_\_\_... *“not covetous”*
- o) As to his home:** \_\_\_\_\_... *“one who rules his own house well”*
- p) As to his growth:** \_\_\_\_\_... *“not a novice”*
- q) As to his testimony:** \_\_\_\_\_... *“a good testimony among those who are outside”*

- What are some implications and applications regarding...

... these qualifications?

... the candidating process?

... the number of elders?

... the training of pastors?

... the qualifications of missionaries?

... the selection of elders?

... the applications to

- To DBC?

- To you?