

1 Timothy 3:1-7: What Does a Man Need to Be to Become a Pastor?

Part 5: Home Requirements – Small Then Large (1 Timothy 3:4-5)

1 Tim 3:4-5 one who rules his own house well, having *his* children in submission with all reverence ⁵ (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?);

Titus 1:6 if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination.

1 Tim 3:12 Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling *their* children and their own houses well.

[Review with Chart]

Struggle to teach qualifications = preaching on pastoral compensation

General Characteristics (2-3) – speaks to broad behavior and ability

Home Characteristics (4-5) – speaks to ability to lead

Conversion [or Age] Characteristics (6) – speaks of maturity

Community Testimony (7) – speaks of others' view of him

Qualification addressed in Titus 1, but also required for deacons

Must... – None of these are optional

Be... – What he is NOW (not the past; continual requirements...)

1. One Who Leads in the Realm His Home

- Organization
- Finances
- Leadership

2. One Who Leads Effectively in the Realm His Home

- Defined by "Well"
- Not just holding the de facto position

3. One Who Leads Effectively Over His Children

- Defined by "Children"
- His leadership and influence evident with those he leads in his home

4. One Who Leads His Children to Submit to Him

- "Having In Submission" – They are following him and obeying him
- He Is Engaged in Their Upbringing
- He Is Proactive in Their Rebellion

5. One Who Leads His Children with Seriousness

- "With All Reverence"
 - Are his children serious or is he serious in how he does it?
 - Respect; honor; dignity
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Titus 1:6 Insight

"Having Faithful Children"

- Believers or "Behavers?"
- If these are parallel passages (they appear to be), then it is best to let Scripture interpret Scripture. This has to do with **conduct**, not **conversion**.
- If believers, then it assumes that you have complete authority over the will of your offspring (which is not true).
- The focus is on the man's functional leadership and influence, not his ability to determine the conversion of his children (or the conduct of his children once they are out of his direct leadership and influence).

"Not accused of"

- Being reckless or
 - Being rebellious
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WHY THIS REQUIREMENT?

⁵ (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?);

Two Reasons

1. **PRIORITY:** (5a) Why take more responsibility if you are not yet successful with your home? Your HOME is your FIRST priority!
2. **ABILITY:** (5b) If you cannot handle a small level of responsibility, you will not be able to handle a larger level of responsibility.