

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
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SERMON OUTLINE 11/15/09

BIBLE PASSAGE: [1 Timothy 3:1-13](#)

TITLE: “THE QUEST FOR BIBLICAL LEADERS, PART III”

INTRO:

1. Christ is looking for sanctified and surrendered men to lead His church...
2. The spiritual health of a congregation _____ on qualified, biblical leadership.
3. Each local church is responsible to _____ and select biblical leadership.
4. Let’s review the questions we covered last week.

PROPOSITION: We must select godly leadership and follow their example as they seek God’s will for our church.

I. QUESTIONS OFTEN ASKED ABOUT CHURCH LEADERS.

- A. What Church Leadership Positions Are Taught In The Bible?
Pastor/Elder & Deacon.
- B. What Is An Elder/Pastor? *God’s undershepherd.*
- C. What Is The Function Of An Elder/Pastor? *Shepherd, Rule, Equip, (teach/preach), Protect & Shield.*
- D. What Is A Deacons’ Role? *Servant/assist pastors.*
- E. What Is The Deaconess’ Role? *Assist pastors & deacons.*
- F. What Should Set These Leaders Apart From Others In The Church? *Biblical character traits/obedience.*
- G. In What Sense Do These Qualifications Apply To Other Believers? [1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1](#), [Philippians 2:1-5](#).

II. WHO QUALIFIES TO BE A CHURCH LEADER?

- A. A Church Leader Must Have A Good Reputation, [1 Timothy 3:2, 7, 8 & 10](#); [Titus 1:6-8](#).
- B. A Church Leader Must Exhibit Self-Control, [1 Timothy 3:2, 8, 9, 11 & 13](#); [Titus 1:7, 8](#).
- C. A Church Leader Must Model Godly Values/Priorities In Life, [1 Timothy 3:3, 8, 9](#); [Titus 1:7, 8](#).

- D. A Church Leader Must Manifest A Loving Heart, [1 Timothy 3:2, 3](#); [Titus 1:8](#).
- E. A Church Leader Must Manage A Healthy Home.
1. Husband of _____ wife (pastors and deacons), [1 Timothy 3:2, 12](#); [Titus 1:6](#). Much discussion among Bible scholars/we believe...
 2. Good management of family (pastors & deacons), [1 Timothy 3:4, 12](#). Good _____ relationship/children trained and controlled.
 3. Children of pastors/obedient and respectful (pastors), [1 Timothy 3:4](#); [Titus 1:6](#). Does God _____ perfection?
 4. Children of pastors/believers (pastors), [Titus 1:6](#).
- F. A Church Leader Must Have A Mature Faith.
1. Not a recent convert (pastors), [1 Timothy 3:6](#). Why? What are the _____?
 2. A tested man (deacons), [1 Timothy 3:10](#). Daily example... positive.
 3. Strong faith with a clear conscience (deacons), [1 Timothy 3:9](#). A _____ example of conviction.
 4. Holding firmly to Scripture (pastors), [Titus 1:9](#). Does his _____ reflect obedience to the truth?
 5. Ability to _____ and convict (pastors), [Titus 1:9](#); [1 Timothy 3:2](#).
- G. A Church Leader Must Exhibit A Teachable Mind And Heart.
1. Able to teach (pastors), [1 Timothy 3:2](#). Two shades of _____...
 2. Temperate (pastors), [1 Timothy 3:2](#). Moderation, stability, and steadfastness.
 3. Sober-minded (pastors), [1 Timothy 3:2](#). _____ rash or quick decisions...
 4. Upright/Just (pastors), [Titus 1:8](#). Fair in _____ situations.

CONCLUSION:

1. Salvation needs...
2. Sanctification and service...