

1 Tim. 3:1,2

1. DESIRE: If a man desire the office of a bishop?
  1. Signifies strong desire. Could be translated to read COVETETH.
  2. He DESIRES a good work. This work is always heavy incessant, sometimes painful
3. DESIRE only not a basis for appointment.

2. BLAMELESS

1. As to moral character.
2. As to the qualifications that follow.
3. This qualification has a necessary limitation:
  1. We cannot understand the apostle to say that he must have a good report (be blameless) among men of bad repute.
  2. We cannot understand the apostle to say that he must have a good reports (be blameless) among the chronic fault-finders. By their standards it is not likely you would find any Christians at all.

3. THE HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE

1. The husband of but one wife. From this are we to conclude that others might have more than one wife
2. If the elder's wife dies is he then to be deposed?
3. If the elder's wife dies and he marries again how many wives has he had.
4. Since it says, "the husband of one wife" could he marry the second wife, even though his first wife is dead, and continue to serve as an elder?
5. 1 Tim. 5:9; Having been the wife of one man.

4. VIGILANT

1. He must be watchful, attentive to all duties.

5. SOBER

1. His mind well regulated. A sober head in a panic.
2. Signifies one who governs his passions.

6. OF GOOD BEHAVIOUR

1. Orderly, grave, correct in the whole of his appearance
2. Sour, Sullen, Boisterous would not do.

7. GIVEN TO HOSPITALITY

1. Entertain strangers. Heb. 13:2

8. APT TO TEACH: 1. One wise himself and able to communicate his wisdom to others. ABLE, ZEALOUS FERVENT, ASSIDUOUS.

