

Titus 1:5-9

One of the “Pastoral Epistles”, written to Titus who was on the island of Crete

Theme – Grace that produces good works

- The essential connection between truth and morality
- The importance of Christian behavior for the sake of outsiders

For this reason I left you in Crete:

- *that you might set in order what remains*
- *and appoint elders in every city as I directed you*

17 Elder Qualifications: Verses 6-9

Social / Domestic – 3

Personal Vices To Avoid – 5

Virtues To Exhibit – 6

Doctrinal – 3

Social / Domestic:

1. **Above Reproach:**
No obvious flaw in his character or conduct that would bring justifiable criticism on him or the church.
2. **The Husband of One Wife:**
Literally “A One Woman Man”. A man who is faithful to his wife.
3. **Having Children Who Believe:**
1 – Children who believe
2 – Children who are faithful to their parents

-Not accused of dissipation

-Not accused of rebellion

Parallel – 1 Timothy 3:3

Personal Qualifications

Five Vices To Avoid:

1. **Not Self Willed** – He does not insist on having his way.
2. **Not Quick Tempered** – He is not prone to anger. He is not emotionally volatile.

3. **Not Addicted to Wine** – Alcohol has no control over him.
4. **Not Pugnacious** - He is not a violent person or one who strikes.
5. **Not Fond of Sordid Gain** - **He** is not greedy for money.

Six Virtues to Exhibit

1. **Hospitable** – He is generous to guests and strangers.
2. **Loving What Is Good** – He looks for the good in people and in things.
3. **Sensible** – He is sober- minded and self-controlled.
4. **Just** – He is upright and fair in all his dealings.
5. **Devout** – He has personal holiness and is set apart to God.
6. **Self-controlled** – He is disciplined and temperate.

Doctrinal Qualifications

1. **Holding Fast The Faithful Word** – He is committed to God’s truth. He rightfully exalts God’s Word.
2. **Able To Exhort In Sound Doctrine** –
He can encourage others with the Scripture and teach sound doctrine.
3. **Able To Refute Those Who Contradict** – He can point the error of false teaching and explain why it is wrong.

Elder Qualifications:

Is the list absolute?

Are the qualifications a description of present character?

Husband Of One Wife:

1. One wife at a time!
2. Only one wife!
Widower?
Divorced?
3. A One Woman Man!

Historical Interpretations:

1. He must be married
2. He must be married only once.
3. He must be monogamous
4. He must be a moral husband.