

Chapter 8

1. Why are marital and family issues as identified by Scripture so vitally important to the spiritual health of a local church? List as many reasons as you can.
2. What does the phrase the husband of one wife mean? What does the phrase the husband of one wife NOT mean? Give scriptural evidence for your answers.
3. Why does God insist that a local church elder or deacon be the husband of one wife? What is so important about this qualification?
4. What will happen to a church if it does not enforce the biblical requirement that a deacon (or elder) be the husband of one wife?
5. Sexual immorality has been one of Satan's most effective strategies in destroying the Lord's work and bringing public disgrace in the local church. List and explain three key New Testament verses that warn Christians about the dangers of sexual immorality. (for help, see endnote 7 on page 144 in the text.)
6. Why would managing or caring for one's children in a competent way be a necessary qualification for a deacon? List as many reasons as you can.
7. In Ephesians we read that a Christian father is not to provoke his children to anger. In what specific ways can a father unnecessarily provoke his children to anger? List as many as you can. Why does it matter if a father provokes his children to anger? How might this apply to elders and deacons?
8. Specifically, what does it mean to be a teaching father? Can you give an example from your own life?
9. Why is it important for a Christian father to be a teaching father? Why is this an important characteristic for a deacon or elder?
10. If and when you have to judge whether or not a deacon candidate manages his household well, what specifically would you look for? Be as thorough in this answer as you can.