

QUALIFICATIONS OF OVERSEER

Eleven qualifications and five disqualifications of the overseer (Pastor) of the church
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In (1 Tim.3:2-7), Paul's outline gives these eleven qualifications and five disqualifications by Greek markers of the office of overseer.

(1 Tim.3:2) "Overseer then must be (eimi/ p.a. infin)" - introduces seven qualifications

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| 1. Above reproach | (anepileptos) | |
| 2. Husband of one wife | (aner heis gune) | |
| 3. Temperate | (nephalios) | |
| 4. Prudent | (sophron) | [self-control] |
| 5. Respectable | (kosimos) | |
| 6. Hospitable | (philoxenos) | |
| 7. Able to teach | (didaktikos) | |

(1 Tim.3:3) A textual break and introduction of four disqualifications – divided by the 8th qualification

- Not addicted (me paroinos)
 - Not pugnacious (me plektes)
8. Gentle (epieikes)
- Not contentious (amachos)
 - Not covetous (aphilarguros) [free from]

(1 Tim.3:4-5) "Overseer then must be" (an extension of 1 Tim.3:2) [9th and 10th qualifications plus rhetorical]

9. He must be one who manages (proistemi/ p.m.ptc.asm) his own household well
10. Keeping (echo/ p.a.ptc.asm) his children under control with all dignity

WHY? - Rhetorical question: "But if (1cc/ let's assume) a man does not know how to manage his own household (then) how will he take care (epimelomai/ f.m.ind.3ps) of the church of God?"

(1 Tim.3:6) another textual break and a 5th disqualification

- Not a new convert (me neophutos)

WHY? "So that he will not fall (me empipto/ a.a.subj 3ps) into the condemnation incurred by the devil."

(1 Tim.3:7) "He must have (echo/ p.a. infin)" – the 11th qualification

11. "And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church

WHY? "So that he will not fall (me empipto/ a.a.subj.3ps) into reproach and snare of the devil."

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