

Pastoral Qualifications Part II

1 Timothy 3: 2 – 3

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² An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money.

Above Reproach

- Husband of one wife.
- Temperate – sober, alert, watchful, vigilant, clear-headed.
- Prudent – Sure and steady mind, not rash in judgment.
- Respectable – Modest, orderly, well arranged, decent.
- Hospitable – Given to hospitality, generous to strangers.

Above Reproach

- Able to teach – skilled in teaching.
 - Has the gift of teaching in preaching the Word of God.
- Not addicted to wine – Not a brawler, tarrying at the wine.
- Not pugnacious – striker, brawler, giver of blows.
- Gentle – equitable, fair, moderate, forbearing, considerate, genial, gracious, easily pardons.
- Uncontentious – Peaceful, reluctant to fight.
- Free from the love of money – not covetous.

Conclusion

- The Pastor over a church is to hold to these highest of moral and character qualities proving to be above reproach.
- The one trait related to function, being able to teach, proves that the pastor must have the God given gift of teaching.
- Although this list is specific to the Pastor over a church, as he is to be a model of Christianity, God is seeking to have all Christian's qualify with these highest moral and character qualities.