

What to Look for in Future Leaders from 1 Tim 3:1-7

It is the duty of the Shepherd/leader of the small group to be on the look-out for the next group of leaders. Once a person can feed themselves from God's Word, exhibit the ability to converse with God in prayer and can articulate the Gospel in a simple fashion, it is up to the leader of the small group to encourage this person to "step-up" and pass God's truths down to the next generation (*2 Timothy 2:2*). He has to go teach others how to feed themselves spiritually, pray to God and share the Good News of Christ. This is called the fine art of disciple-making where Christian leaders are committed to producing reproducers. The following leadership competencies are taken from 1 Timothy 3:1-7.

Biblical Leadership Qualification

1. Desire to lead
2. Blameless (*above reproach*)
3. One spouse
4. Temperate
5. Sober-minded
6. Hospitable
7. Able to teach
8. Good behavior
9. Not given to wine
10. Not violent (*not confrontational or argumentative*)
11. Gentle
12. Not quarrelsome (*not autocratic*)
13. Not covetous or greedy
14. Rules own house well

15. Not a novice
16. Good reputation outside

17. Not double-tongued

Contemporary Leadership Competencies

1. Ambition and motivated
2. Ethical track record, demonstrates godly lifestyle
3. Monogamous, dedicated, loyal
4. Demonstrates restraint, nonbiased
5. Able to handle stress, self-controlled, discrete
6. Accessible to others, generous
7. Communicates well, demonstrates some expertise
8. Ethical practices, in order
9. Self-control, social awareness
10. Self-control, restraint

11. Peace-maker, not pushy
12. Considerate/tolerant of others, equitable, fair
13. Content with possessions, not overly ambitious
14. House and affairs in order, admired by people with personal access
15. Level of expertise (*i.e., experienced/educated*)
16. Community oriented, interacts well outside church, communication, PR-man, not-offensive
17. Integrity with words, honest, truthful

ABC's of Biblical Leadership

Attitude Issues

- Desire to lead
- Hospitable
- Sober-minded
- Gentle

Behaviors (*competencies*)

- Able to teach
- Blameless
- Temperate
- Not a novice
- Good reputation outside (*Public Relations*)

Character issues

- Good behavior
- Not given to wine
- Not violent
- Not quarrelsome
- Not greedy/covetous
- One spouse
- Not double-tongued