

Lesson 5 — A Bishop Then Must Be: Consider His Attitude

DEFINITIONS:

- “Must”
- “Desire”
- “Temperate”
- “Sober-minded”
- “Not soon angry”
- “Not self-willed”

1 Timothy 3:1-7 & Titus 1:5-9

He Must Be

- ❖ Does “must” mean it is optional (see Acts 9:6; 16:30; 2 Pet. 3:11)?
- ❖ Will he possess these qualities to perfection?
- ❖ Can a man be without one of these traits and still be an effective pastor?

Consider His Attitude

- ❖ **DESIRE** (2 different Greek words in 1 Tim. 3:1)
 - 1st word “desire” means to do what? (Heb. 11:16; 1 Tim. 6:10)
 - 2nd word “desire” means to do what? (Mt. 5:28; Luke 15:16; Ax 20:33)
 - How does a man stretch out to attain the eldership?
 - Why must his heart be set upon being a pastor?
 - What’s the difference between desire for the office & coveting power?

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❖ **TEMPERATE (VIGILANT)**

- Is this trait commanded of all aged men (Titus 2:2)?
- How is this trait demonstrated?

❖ **SOBER-MINDED**

- Is this trait required of all aged men and women (Titus 2:2, 5)?
- How is this trait demonstrated?

❖ **NOT QUICK-TEMPERED**

- Is all anger sinful?
- What two questions did God ask about anger that would serve as a good guideline for us (Gen. 4:6; Jonah 4:4)?
- How is this trait demonstrated? (Proverbs 14:17, 29; 15:18; 19:11)

❖ **NOT SELF-WILLED**

- How is this trait demonstrated? (3 John 9-10; Phil. 2:3; Rom. 12:3; James 3:13-18)
- What is the difference between strong in convictions and self-willed?

Do we have men among us who possess these godly traits?

***Are you praying for the church to have
elders and deacons?***