

Lesson 7 — A Bishop Then Must Be: Consider His Reputation

DEFINITIONS:

- “Blameless”
- “Of good behavior”
- “Hospitable”
- “Not given to wine”
- “Not violent (striker)”
- “Not quarrelsome (brawler)”
- Not greedy for money
- Not covetous

How important is a good reputation?

- Proverbs 22:1; Ecclesiastes 10:1

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BLAMELESS

- Why must a bishop be blameless? (1 Kings 1:10; Phil. 2:15; 1 Cor. 10:32; 2 Cor. 6:3)

OF GOOD BEHAVIOR

- How is this trait demonstrated?

HOSPITABLE

- What are some ways a Christian can show hospitality?
- Why is it important that he be hospitable?

NOT GIVEN TO WINE

- Why can his mind not be clouded with alcohol? (Lev. 10:8-11; Isaiah 28:7; Eph. 5:18; Prov. 20:1)

NOT VIOLENT, NOT QUARRELSOME

- How can you tell if someone is quick to fight?

NOT GREEDY FOR MONEY, NOT COVETOUS

- How would someone display that he is a lover of money?

A GOOD TESTIMONY AMONG THOSE WHO ARE OUTSIDE

- Who are the “outsiders”? Who might we talk with to get an idea of his reputation in the community?
- See 1 Sam. 2:26; Prov. 3:4; Acts 2:47; Rom. 14:18.
- How will a man’s leadership be compromised if he has a poor reputation? (2 Sam. 12:14; Rom. 2:24; 1 Tim. 3:7; Titus 2:5,7-8)