

16 Qualifications of Ministers

According to - 1 Timothy 3:2 - Titus 1:5-9

1. Be Blameless in Conduct (1 Tim 5:7, 6:14)
2. Husband of One Wife - No polygamist.
One can be a minister without a wife just like the Apostle Paul (1 Cor 9:5)
3. Vigilant - ever awake and alert; watchful to detect danger (Mark 14:38)
4. Sober - not intoxicated; having a sound mind, not influenced by chemical substance; having sound mind and sound judgment, not dulled in senses
(Titus 2:2, 2:6, 2:12, 1 Peter 5:8, Heb 5:14)
5. Of Good Behavior - Bearing the Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22, Eph 5:9)
6. Given to Hospitality - Including the entertainment of strangers (Heb 13:2)
7. Apt to Teach - having the ability to teach God's Word (Rom 10:8, 2 Tim 4:2)
8. Not Given to Wine - do not be a winebibber
(Prov 20:1, 21:17, 23:31, 31:4; Rom 14:12, Eph 5:18, Titus 1:7)
9. No Striker - not quarrelsome, one who is not ready to strike back at those who displease him; no persecutor of those who differ with him (Titus 1:7)
10. Not Greedy of Filthy Lucre - not desirous of base gain; not using wrong methods to raise money to increase his own income (AMP) (2 Cor 9:5)
11. Patient - the act or quality of waiting long for justice or expected good without discontent
(Gal 5:22)
12. Not a Brawler - not a noisy fellow, not given to angry debate; quarrelsome; perverse (1 Tim 3:3)
13. Not Covetous - Not a lover of money;
not desiring the office for the sake of personal material gain (Judas in John 12:6)
14. Ruler of His Own House - not by hardness, but with love, patience and kindness and gentleness
15. Not a Novice - not a new convert to the faith because of pride (1 Tim 3:6)
16. Have a Good Report with Others - (Acts 6:3, 22:12; Gal 2:2)

Notes:

**Qualifications for “Deacons” - Ministry of Helps
According to 1 Timothy 3:8-13**

1. Be Grave - Honest (Acts 6:2-4)
2. Not Double-tongued - As liars are, saying different things to different people about the same subject.
3. Not Given to Much Wine - Even unfermented (refer to points 3, 4 and 8 on Ministers Doc.)
4. Not Greedy for Filthy Lucre - (refer to point 10 on Ministers Doc.)
5. Holding the Mystery of Faith with a Pure Conscience - You must be born again and full of faith and filled with the Holy Ghost (Acts 6:2-4); You must possess Christian truth hidden from the world; and maintain a good conscience bearing witness in the Holy Ghost.
(2 Tim. 1:3, Rom 9:1)
6. Let Them be Proved - not a new convert; let them be faithful, tested and proved worthy of the office and be able to keep themselves from being lifted up in pride and falling into the same manner Satan did. (1 Tim, 3:6)
7. Blameless - Be free from evil and reproach (1 Cor. 1:8, Titus 1:6-7, 1 Col. 1:22)
8. **Their Wives Must Meet Qualifications:**
 - A. Be Grave - Honest
 - B. Not Slanderers - To defame; uttering a false report;
tending to injure the reputation of another.
 - C. Sober - not drinkers of wine.
 - D. Faithful in All Things - The previous conditions are to be kept by their wives;
there are no exceptions.