

Leadership Self-Examination & Prayer

Based on 1 Timothy 3:1–7 and Titus 1:5-9. Prayerfully consider each qualification and reflect on whether it is evident in your life.

Above Reproach – 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:6–7

- Do others see my life as consistent with the gospel?
- Is there any area of unconfessed sin or hypocrisy in my conduct?

Faithful in Marriage – 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:6

- Am I wholly devoted to my spouse in thought, word, and deed?
- Do I guard my heart and mind against temptation?

Self-Controlled – 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8

- Do I demonstrate discipline in my habits, speech, and reactions?
- Do I avoid rash decisions and impulsive behavior?

Sober-Minded – 1 Tim. 3:2

- Do I think clearly and exercise sound judgment?
- Am I easily swayed by emotions or trends, or do I remain grounded in Scripture?

Respectable – 1 Tim. 3:2

- Do I conduct myself in a way that earns the respect of others?
- Am I consistent in public and private character?

Hospitable – 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8

- Do I welcome others into my life and home with generosity?
- Am I willing to serve people from all walks of life?

Able to Teach – 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:9

- Do I know Scripture well enough to teach it faithfully?
- Do I instruct with patience and clarity?

Not Violent but Gentle – 1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7

- Do I respond to conflict with gentleness rather than aggression?
- Am I approachable and humble in correction?

Not Quarrelsome – 1 Tim. 3:3- Do I avoid unnecessary arguments?

- Do I handle disagreements with grace and truth?

Not a Lover of Money – 1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7

- Am I free from greed and materialism?
- Do I steward resources faithfully?

Manages Household Well – 1 Tim. 3:4–5

- Do I lead my family with love, discipline, and consistency?
- Do my children see and respect my faith?

Not a Recent Convert – 1 Tim. 3:6

- Am I mature in faith and doctrine?
- Do I lead from tested experience in walking with Christ?

Good Reputation with Outsiders – 1 Tim. 3:7

- Do non-believers respect my integrity?
- Do I represent Christ well in the community?

Lover of Good – Titus 1:8

- Do I delight in what is godly and upright?
- Do I encourage others toward what is good?

Upright, Holy, and Disciplined – Titus 1:8

- Do I live in a way that is set apart for God?
- Do I maintain consistent spiritual habits and moral integrity?

Reflection

- Which qualification is most evident in my life?
- Which qualification requires the most growth?
- What specific step will I take this month to grow in that area?

Gospel Prayer**Gracious Father,**

You are the great Shepherd of the sheep, and Christ is the Head of the Church. You raise up leaders not by human strength but by Your sovereign grace. I thank You that Your Word gives clear qualifications for those who would serve as overseers of Your people.

- **Above Reproach** – Lord, keep me from hypocrisy. Let my private life reflect the gospel I proclaim. Guard me from hidden sin that would dishonor Christ.
- **Husband of One Wife** – Grant me purity and faithfulness in my relationships. Make me devoted and covenant-keeping, as Christ is faithful to His bride, the Church.
- **Sober-Minded, Self-Controlled, Respectable** – Train my heart to be disciplined by grace. Remove pride, quick temper, and self-indulgence. Let the Spirit's fruit be evident in my character.
- **Hospitable** – Open my home and heart to others, showing gospel welcome as I have been welcomed in Christ.
- **Able to Teach** – Fill my mind with Your truth and my lips with clarity and love, so that I may hold firm to the trustworthy Word and faithfully pass it on.

- **Not a Drunkard, Not Violent, Not Greedy** – Break every love of the world in me. Replace it with a love for Christ and His people. Make me gentle, not quarrelsome; content, not covetous.
- **Manages His Household Well** – Teach me to shepherd my family with humility and love, for how can I care for Your Church if I neglect those closest to me?
- **Not a Recent Convert** – Keep me rooted and growing, building on the foundation of Christ with humility, never trusting in my own strength but leaning on Your Spirit.
- **Good Reputation with Outsiders** – Let my life adorn the gospel before a watching world, so that unbelievers see in me not perfection, but the transforming grace of Christ.

Gracious Lord,

I cannot meet these holy qualifications apart from You. They expose my weakness and drive me to Christ, my righteousness and strength. By Your Spirit, conform me to His likeness so that my leadership—whether at home, in church, or in the world—would display the beauty of the gospel.

For the sake of Christ and His Church,
Amen.