

Qualities of a Christian Leader

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I. Introduction.

A. An overseer's responsibilities is to take care of those he is responsible for, to be a watchman and to be a shepherd. (Acts 20:28)

B. There are certain qualities for an overseer. (1 Timothy 3)

II. Some things are left out because they should be characters of all Christians.

A. The fruit of the Spirit.

B. Wisdom.

C. Much about the ministry: evangelism, discipling, equipping.

III. There are essential qualities for a Christian in service.

A. He should have a certain spiritual age.

1. Depth in the Word.

2. Walk in faith. (Hebrews 5:12-14)

B. Home life.

1. Devotion to his wife.

2. Obedient children.

3. Hospitality.

C. Ministry.

1. Teaching. (2 Timothy 2:24; 2 Timothy 2:2)

D. Social behavior.

1. Sober. We need to exercise care with what we do with drinking alcohol and what we say about it. (Titus 1:7)

2. Not violent. (1 Corinthians 5:11)

3. Not quarrelsome.

4. Gentle. (Titus 3:2; James 3:17; 1 Peter 2:18; Philippians 4:5)

E. Inner stability and discipline.

1. Sensible. (Titus 1:8; 2:2, 5)

2. Self-control. (1 Corinthians 9:27-28; Philippians 4:8; Ephesians 4:15; 2 Timothy 2:22)

3. A good reputation.

IV. This is a lifetime project.

Application questions:

1. Why do the leadership qualities listed in 1 Timothy 3 lack some key things such as the fruit of the Spirit?

2. Which two characteristics of an effective leader do you find most important? Explain.

3. Which quality will you commit yourself to growing in this week? How will you go about this?
