

Questions for Consideration—Lesson 7—1 Timothy 3:1-7—Is your Pastor Qualified According to His Boss?

1. (a) Write down all the qualifications for a leader that you see in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 as well as Titus 1:5-9. (b) List the similarities as well as the differences you notice in the two lists.

2. Memorize 1 Timothy 3:2.

3. (a) Read 1 Samuel chapters 2:12-4:22. What qualifications of a leader (from 1 Timothy 3:1-7) do you find that are missing from Eli, who was a priest at this time? (b) What were the repercussions for his failed leadership? (c) What can we learn from this passage about leaders who are not qualified according to the Scriptures?

4. (a) Look up the following passages and list the leader that is mentioned as well as the qualification from 1 Timothy 3:1-7 that either qualifies or disqualifies him. You should find one verse for each qualification. Exodus 32:1-5; Judges 13:2-7; 1 Samuel 2:12; 1 Kings 11:1-4; Isaiah 28:7,8; Luke 1:5, 6; Luke 7:36; John 12:3-6; Acts 5:34-39; Acts 15:36-41; Acts 16:1,2; Acts 20:27; Acts 23:1-5; Acts 24:16; 1 Thessalonians 2:7 (see 1 Thessalonians 1:1 to see who its referring to.); 2 Peter 2:1-3; (b) What does this teach you about the importance of leaders being qualified according to the bible?

5. Do you think a pastor who has disqualified himself according to 1 Timothy and Titus should step down? Do you think he should be restored back to the pastorate if he repents? Please support your answer with Scripture.

6. Do you know the elders and deacons in your church? Do you know if they are qualified according to God's Word? How can you better acquaint yourself with your spiritual leadership? What will you do to make sure this happens?

7. Please write out a prayer for your pastor. I would encourage you to pray often for your pastor, if not daily. These are tumultuous times with many pastors disqualifying themselves due to heinous sins!