

## By-law Requirements

1. At least 18 years of age?
2. Member for one year?
3. In active ministry this past year?

## Personal Life

1. Above reproach (v.2). Can any charge brought against him be fully refuted? (A lack of facts and witnesses)
2. Temperate (v.2, Titus 1:8)
  - a. Is he free from areas of excess or a lack of moderation?
  - b. Is he free from habits that would control him?
3. Prudent ("Sober" v.2 KJV)
  - a. Is he free from having to show his superiority?
  - b. Does he have a humble attitude toward his talents?
  - c. Does he remain objective and calm in heated or difficult situations?
4. Respectable (v.2). Does he have a well-ordered life, free from behavior or habits that would embarrass you and discredit Christ's reputation?
5. Free from love of money (v. 3). Does he exhibit a spirit of contentment with what he owns/possesses?
6. Not self-willed (Titus 1:7)
  - a. Does he recognize and respect authority?
  - b. Does he seek others' interests first?
7. Self-controlled (Titus 1:8). Is it his general conscious commitment to allow the Holy Spirit to control his life?
8. Just (Titus 1:8). Does he attempt to view what is right and wrong from a Biblical perspective?
9. Devout (Titus 1:8).
  - a. Do his words, actions and spirit exhibit a character that is deeply devoted to God?
  - b. Does he exhibit dependence upon God?
10. Love what is good (Titus 1:8). When not around Christians does he still avoid what is questionable or evil?

## Family Life

1. One woman man (v.2)
  - a. Is his marriage relationship stable and growing?
  - b. Is he free of any casual relationships with other women that could be misinterpreted by others?
  - c. Is he devoted to his wife?

2. Manages his own household well (v.4)
  - a. Is his own family an example to emulate?
  - b. Does his family reflect loving leadership?
  - c. Does he successfully order the affairs in his own home? (bills paid, debt, upkeep)
  - d. In business, does he manage well and have a positive relationship with those under his leadership?
3. Children under control and believers? (v. 4, Titus 1:6)
  - a. Are all his children believers?
  - b. Do his children respond positively to parental authority?
  - c. Do his children respond positively to authority of others?
  - d. Does his child's behavior honor the Lord?

## Spiritual Life

1. Able to teach the Bible (v.2)
  - a. Can he share the Gospel with unbelievers?
  - b. Can he disciple a new believer?
  - c. Can he study, correctly interpret and teach the Scriptures?
  - d. Does he have a grip on scriptural principles and a demonstrated ability to pass that on to others?
2. Sound doctrine (Titus 1:9)
  - a. Does he possess a sufficient grasp of Bible doctrine to refute a heretic among us?
  - b. Would you go to him for Biblical answers?
3. Not a new convert (v.6). Does he evidence Christian maturity and not need to be fed like a babe in Christ?

## Social Life

1. Hospitality (v.2)
  - a. Does he enjoy opening his home and possessions for use by friends and strangers?
  - b. Do people feel at ease in his home?
2. Not addicted to wine (v.3). Is he free from habitual and/or excessive use of alcohol other drugs?
3. Not pugnacious (v.3). Is he free from the tendency to lash out at others either verbally or physically?
4. Gentle (v.3). Is he gentle in approach and dealings with people?
5. Uncontentious (V.3)
  - a. Does he breed peace and tranquility?
  - b. Does he speak truth in a loving manner?
6. Good reputation (v.7). Does he have a good reputation with those who know him in the community?