

The Qualities of a New Testament Leader - Part II

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By seeing how a man handles one specific aspect of his life, we can get a better idea if he is ready to lead in a more general way in the church. How does Matthew 25:14-30 describe 'representative obedience' to us?

2. Does this man handle his first ministry, his _____, with care?

'The husband of one wife' means that he is a one-woman man. In what ways is faithfulness to the covenant of marriage relevant to a man's ministry to God's church?

Marriage is not just a means of personal blessing – it is also an intricate, complex lesson of God's love for us.

Divorce is not absolutely forbidden in scripture, but divorce is something that God emphatically _____ (Malachi 2:16)

There are only two reasons why a believer might legitimately divorce their spouse:

- In the case of _____ (1 Corinthians 7:15-16)
- In the case of _____ (Matthew 19:9)

If someone divorces for a reason besides these two, they ought not be considered for elder or deacon service.

*Is marriage a *requirement* to serve as an elder or deacon? (consider 1 Cor. 9:4-5)

Does he manage his own _____ well?

(see 1 Timothy 3:4-5)

What are the various aspects of managing one's household well?

Does Titus 1:6 disqualify a person whose children aren't believers?

Titus 1:6 – ...if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are _____ and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination.

The Greek word for 'believers in Titus 1:6 is 'PISTAS', which can be translated as either 'believers' (regenerated Christians who have committed themselves to following Jesus) or 'faithful' (those who are respectful and obedient to the one who is put in charge over them.)