

<u>Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4</u> Why is it important that we only appoint qualified men to serve as shepherds?

Are these qualities black and white checklist items? Are overseers to be men who have no further room for growth in these areas?

Compile your own list of all the qualities in the passages above, putting similar phrases together. Then read other translations and write in different synonyms used for each quality:

What should motivate a man to serve as an overseer? What should NOT be his motivation?

What experience does an overseer need to already have and why?

What capabilities or talents does an overseer need to possess and why?

What kind of relationship does an overseer need to have with the flock and the community around them? Why?

What qualities should an overseer NOT possess and why?

What other personal characteristics should an overseer possess?

*Questions to consider regarding all the qualities discussed above: What are some ways these might be demonstrated and visible to a congregation? How might these be important in his work as a shepherd?