

Q & A Ordination Council



The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching...

Do not lay hands upon anyone too hastily and thereby share responsibility for the sins of others; keep yourself free from sin.

I Timothy 5:17, 22

Rate answers by using this spectrum:

- 1 Weak
- 2 Fair
- 3 Moderate
- 4 Good
- 5 Strong

The task of the ordination council of pastors and leaders is not unlike a team of shipyard inspectors doing a detailed, final review for any leaks or irregularities that could put a valuable vessel at risk on the open seas. A casual inspection is no favor to the captain and crew.

PERSONAL

1. Why do you want to be ordained?
2. What has led you to believe now is the best time?
3. How did the Lord call you to be an ordained minister?
4. How have been prepared and trained for this?
5. What are your dreams for future ministry?
6. How does your wife and family feel about your calling?
7. What was your salvation experience like?
8. How would you describe your relationship with Christ?
9. Are you more of a lead man or support (Moses; Aaron)
10. Who are your favorite authors and preachers? Books?

THEOLOGICAL

11. What are your views on the Baptist Faith & Message?
12. What do you see as the essentials of the gospel?
13. What are your Biblical spiritual gifts?
14. What are your views on the "charismatic" gifts?
15. What is your view and ability re: preaching?
16. What do you see as the major functions of a pastor?
17. What is the role of the church? Denomination?
18. Other: _____

Ordination Criteria for the Ministry of the Gospel

1. Have a definite sense of God's call or leading into the ministry.

2. Be Biblically qualified as a minister according to I Timothy 3: 1-7

This saying is trustworthy: "If anyone aspires to be an overseer, he desires a noble work."

² An overseer, therefore, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, self-controlled, sensible, respectable, hospitable, an able teacher,

³ not addicted to wine, not a bully but gentle, not quarrelsome, not greedy—

⁴ one who manages his own household competently, having his children under control with all dignity.

⁵ (If anyone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of God's church?)

⁶ He must not be a new convert, or he might become conceited and fall into the condemnation of the Devil.

⁷ Furthermore, he must have a good reputation among outsiders, so that he does not fall into disgrace and the Devil's trap.

Titus 1: 4-9.

⁴ To Titus, my true child in our common faith. Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

⁵ The reason I left you in Crete was to set right what was left undone and, as I directed you, to appoint elders in every town:

⁶ someone who is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of wildness or rebellion.

⁷ For an overseer, as God's manager, must be blameless, not arrogant, not quick tempered, not addicted to wine, not a bully, not greedy for money,

⁸ but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, righteous, holy, self-controlled,

⁹ holding to the faithful message as taught, so that he will be able both to encourage with sound teaching and to refute those who contradict it.

3. Hold to sound evangelical, conservative doctrine.

4. Has received, or is now receiving Biblical and/or ministry training.

5. Has demonstrated commitment to their current ministry involvement.

6. Is now, or expects to be engage in a ministry position which includes some or all of the following: preaching, teaching, shepherding, counseling, leading and directing the affairs of a church, conducting weddings and funerals, administering Communion and Baptism, and leading in worship services.