

Inside the Text:

- I. Understand the Terminology used for a Church Leader.*
- II. Embrace the Responsibility of a Church Leader.*
- III. Welcome the Accountability offered through a Plurality of Church Leaders.*

IV. Ordain Quality Men for Church Leadership. (I Timothy 3:1-7)

- A. You must confirm his calling. (1)
- B. You must examine his character. (2-3)

C. You must evaluate his effectiveness. (4-7)

- **(Vs. 4) manage his own household well (vs. 4-5)** – Relate to Titus 1:6
 - **with all dignity** – The pastor is one who understands the seriousness of the matter...
 - **keeping his children submissive** – the kids living at home are to submit to the orders and directions of their parents
- **(Vs. 5) Without the demonstration of a submissive family, the church should question the pastor's ability to care for the broader church family**
- **(Vs. 6) Not a recent convert**
 - Subject to pride (“the condemnation of the devil”)
- **(vs. 7) Well thought of by others– good reputation with unbelievers**
 - Subjected to the scrutiny from without (local community) and within (church family)
 - Satan likes nothing more than to “snare” a man of God!

Apply the Text:

- **Evaluate your pastors biblically**
 - Consider his home life.
 - Consider his ministry management.
 - Consider his community interaction.
- **Evaluate your own walk at PBC.**
 - Consider YOUR home life.
 - Consider YOUR ministry involvement.
 - Consider YOUR community interaction.
- **Be open to whatever God calls you to do.**
 - Carefully evaluate the longings of your heart.
 - Publically declare your desire to our church family,