

Duties of a Bishop

Explanation

The early Christian bishop was originally a leader of a local congregation. In the letters of 1 Timothy and Titus, the duties and characteristics required of a bishop are spelled out. Taken together, these epistles prescribe twenty-four qualities of the bishop. These attributes are as appropriate for bishops and leaders of the church today as they were in the first generation of Christians.

Reference

John A. Widstoe, ed., *Discourses of Brigham Young* (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1977), 143–46.

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	1Tm	Titus
blameless	3:2	1:6–7
husband of one wife	3:2	1:6
faithful children	3:4	1:6
not self-willed		1:7
not soon angry		1:7
not given to wine	3:3	1:7
no striker/not a brawler	3:2–3	1:7
not given to filthy lucre	3:3	1:7
a lover of hospitality	3:2	1:8
a lover of good men		1:8
sober	3:2	1:8
just		1:8
holy		1:8
temperate		1:8
holding fast the faithful word		1:9
exhorts, convinces gainsayers		1:9
apt to teach	3:2	
vigilant	3:2	
of good behavior	3:2	
patient	3:3	
not covetous	3:3	
one that rules well his own house	3:4	
not a novice	3:6	
of good reputation in the community	3:7	