

# Duties of a Bishop

	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	

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## 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.

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## Reference

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