

# **LEADERSHIP AND** **BEING BAPTIST** **I Timothy 3:1-13**

**Baptists believe that pastors are to provide leadership for their local church.**

CLARIFICATION: *Baptists believe that each local church should be:*

1. Governed solely by it's own local congregation
2. Led by it's own pastor or pastors
3. Served by it's own deacons

## **I. THE PASTOR'S ROLE AS LEADER**

### **A. AN ELDER OR MODEL - I Tim. 5:17**

1. The term ("presbuteros") is used in Acts 14:23, I Tim. 5:17 along with Titus 1:5, James 5:4 and I Pt. 5:1
2. The term indicates one who is spiritually mature
3. This is one who is worthy of emulation
  - See Phil. 3:17, II Thess. 3:9 and Heb. 13:7

### **B. A PASTOR OR SHEPHERD - I Peter 5:2**

1. The word ("poimain") designates one who tends and cares for a flock
2. This is one who teaches - Eph. 4:11-16
  - See also I Tim. 3:2 and I Tim. 5:17
3. This is one who preaches - I Thess. 2:9 and II Tim. 4:2
  - One who is a herald publically proclaiming his Master's words
4. This is one who protects - Acts 20:28-31
  - See also Heb. 13:17

### **C. AN OVERSEER OR LEADER - Phil. 1:1**

1. The term is used in Acts 20:28, I Tim. 3:1, Titus 1:7 and I Pt. 5:2
2. The word ("episopae" > bishop) indicates one who provides direction and administration
3. James, the senior pastor at Jerusalem, provides a notable example
  - a. Encouraging his scattered church - James 1:1-4
  - b. Advising his confused church - Acts 15:13-29
4. See also the apostles counsel and the congregation's approval of such in Acts 6:1-6

## II. THE PASTOR'S REGULATION FOR LEADERSHIP

A. QUALIFICATIONS - I Tim. 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9

B. RESTRICTIONS - I Tim. 2:11-15  
- Women cannot serve as pastors

C. PROHIBITIONS

1. Not a dictator - I Peter 5:3
2. Not a Diotrephes - III John 9-10

## III. THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE TO PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

A. PAY HIM - I Cor. 9:13-14

B. APPRECIATE HIM - I Thess. 5:12

C. RESPECT HIM - I Thess. 5:13

D. HONOR HIM - I Tim. 5:17

E. PROTECT HIM - I Tim. 5:19

F. REMEMBER HIM - Heb. 13:7

G. OBEY AND SUBMIT TO HIM - Heb. 13:17

## CONCLUSION:

**Pastors are influential leaders in their local churches, but they are not it's governors.**

- People govern, pastors lead.

**Note Paul's model in II Cor. 4:5-7**