**SPECIFIC QUALITIES OF SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP**

**HOW GOD DEFINES “BLAMELESS”**

**IN**

**1 TIMOTHY 3:2-7**

**NECESSARY QUALITIES TO BE BLAMELESS IN CHARACTER AND COMPETENCE**

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**The husband of one wife** (literally “of one woman a man”) speaks to both **character** (not a womanizer) and **competence** (“rules his own house well” and “children” necessarily required a wife at some point)

**Divorced** man is a character **and** competence issue

Neither **widower** nor **remarried widower** a character or competence issue

**Temperate** (literally how we use “**sober**” today) Greek NEPHALIOS abstain from wine **2 Thess. 5:6-8; 1 Peter 5:8**

**Sober-minded** **Titus 1:8, 2:2,5** wise, thoughtful, not rash or impulsive, to rein in with safe boundaries

**Discretion** is the better part of valor

**Of good behavior** KOSMIOS modest in **2:9**

**Hospitable** PHILOXENOS lover of strangers

**Able to teach 2 Tim. 2:24-26** an **effective teacher** (gets **others** to **learn**)

**Not** **given to wine** PARAOINOS with wine

“Not given to” in **v.8 Matt. 16:6, Luke 17:3; 21:34, Acts 20:28**

**Not violent** PLEKTES **striker** etymology implies to change the shape of something by hitting it; doesn’t resort to force

**Gentle** EPIEIKOS from EIKO to **yield Gal. 2:5**

**Not quarrelsome 2 Tim. 2:23-24; Titus 3:2, Jm. 4:1-2** not **contentious**

**Not covetous** APHILARGUROS literally “not a lover of silver” **6:9-10, Heb. 13:5 contentment** is a perspective based on **faith** and **gratitude**

**One who rules his own house well**

His **own** house (not his business or other leadership experience in the world)

Well **Mark 12:28-34 reflects wisdom**

One that rules elders are rulers **5:17; 1 Thess. 5:12; Rom. 12:8; Eph. 4:11**

**Titus 3:8,14** to engage in something with **intense devotion Louw & Nida**

A **good** ruler not a **poor** ruler shown by…

**Having his children in submission with all reverence**

Children requires a **plurality**? No. **5:4,10; Ephesians 6:1-4**

**Holding** in submission **2:11** associated with **silence. Externally** or **morally**? **Verb** **Eph. 1:22; 5:22-24; Titus 2:9, Rom. 13:1,5; Jm. 4:7**

All **Eph. 6:18** with all = **always**

Reverence SEMNOS derived from SEBOMAI to show reverence (**respectful**)

**Reason** for **v.4** is in **v.5**.If **his family** is in **disorder**, then he does **not** **know how** to **take care of God’s family**

**If not** a matter of **know how**, he has a **more serious internal problem**

**Not a novice** not a new convert

Reason given: may become **puffed up** (**prideful**)

**A good testimony among those who are outside**

Reason given: lest he fall into **reproach** and the **snare** of the **devil**

His conduct must be viewed as honorable (without reproach) at work and community as it is in the church building