

“ A MUST ”

I Timothy 3:1-7

Some words are really strong and to the point. They leave no ‘wobble room’. They mean what they mean and that’s it. The word ‘MUST’ is one of those words. Paul uses it 4 times in this list. Actually, there are 4 sentences in this list and Paul uses “must” in each sentence.

A Bishop MUST:

V2 “Be Above reproach”.

“Be the husband of one wife”.

“Be temperate”.

“Be sensible”.

“Be dignified”.

“Be hospitable”.

“An apt teacher”.

“Be gentle”.

V4 “Manage his home well”.

“Have submissive children.”

“And respectful in every way.”

V7 “Be well thought of by outsiders”.

A Bishop MUST NOT:

V3 “Be a drunkard”.

“Be violent”.

“Be quarrelsome”.

“Love money”.

V6 “Be a recent convert”.

ENOUGH SAID. NOW WE KNOW WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR!

Paul