



## Inner Growth - Bishop

This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

1 Timothy 3:1

Blameless-----Titus 1:7

Integrity-----Proverbs 10:9

Serve-----John 12:26

Hospitality----Titus 1:8

**Opposition**----Titus 1:9

Pray-----1 Thessalonians 5:17

What is a bishop? A bishop is an ordained leader chosen within the church. This Bishop obtains a history of faithfulness and leadership among family, church members, and the community. A bishop is one that receives the Holy Spirit. To qualify for this position, a person must be clean before God.

Therefore, nothing negative would tarnish their reputation. This Bishop married to one spouse, children with proper conduct, law-abiding citizen, no bad habits, and live according to the Word of God.

The functions of the Bishop are to honor God by serving the people and perform leadership duties. These duties may include aiding other leaders and members in various churches. The tasks may involve administrative, a representative for the church in state government matters, responsible for helping specific congregations or regions develop their potential.

Above all, the Bishop represents a child of God. Therefore, he must be willing to have the time to help serve the community as God leads him. At times, the church faces internal problems or comes under attack from outsiders. The Bishop is responsible for helping to protect the church in these circumstances.

Finally, the Bishop must always be in constant prayer to God and meditating upon His Word. This close relationship with the Father is the only way to perform and maintain the daily standard.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to do your will and not my own. Thank you Lord. Amen.