

*Adapted from Fort Worth Presbyterian Church in Texas

Elder Candidate Wives Questionnaire

Name of Husband: _____ **Date:**

Thank you for your willingness to prayerfully enter this process! Please fill out this questionnaire prayerfully, independently, and honestly. Please don't feel the need to make your husband look good—you have been united to our Lord Jesus Christ in faith and His perfect righteousness is yours in Him and the same is true of your husband! Please don't discuss your questions/ answers with anyone until after completing and sending in. Thank you.

The following questions relate to the specific requirements the Bible gives for church leaders in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. Please circle the answer (or designate it in some way) which best describes your husband where appropriate, and feel free to add any additional comments to your answers.

Please submit the completed questionnaire to Matt (matt@welcometoredeemer.com) by 5/1/2022.

PERSONAL

1. Briefly describe your relationship with Christ.
 - a) What does He mean to you personally?
 - b) What confidence has He given you before God?

HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE:

1. Do you have reason to question his character or morals?
Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know
2. Has your husband ever been unfaithful to you?

TEMPERATE:

1. Does he have any habits he cannot control (e.g. alcohol, pornography, eating, working, prescription drugs, etc)?
Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know
If so, please explain.

PRUDENT:

1. Is he a good thinker? Does he demonstrate wise judgment?

RESPECTABLE:

1. Does he fulfill his duties at home and at work in an orderly, respectable manner?

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

2. Is he respected by his peers?

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

HOSPITABLE:

1. Does he meet new people and strangers well?

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

2. Does he use his home to minister to the needs of Christians and non-Christians alike?

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

ABLE TO TEACH:

1. Please rate his ability to communicate & apply the truths of Scripture in a small group setting:

Excellent Good Average Poor Do Not Know

In a large group setting:

Excellent Good Average Poor Do Not Know

2. Does he demonstrate consistency in personal Bible study and in reading Christian books?

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

NOT ADDICTED TO WINE:

1. Is he self-controlled in the area of food and drink?

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

NOT PUGNACIOUS:

1. Is he prone to strike out at others when provoked, either physically or verbally? Does your husband display outbursts of anger at home? Frighten you with his anger? Physical in his anger? (throwing things, hitting, grabbing)

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

2. How does your husband respond to criticism?

3. How does your husband handle conflict? How quickly does he repent for his sins in the matter?

FREE FROM THE LOVE OF MONEY:

1. Is money a primary motivator and object of concern for him?

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

2. Is he a model of Biblical giving & stewardship?

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

MANAGES HIS HOUSEHOLD WELL:

1. Are family prayer and Bible reading regular features of his home life?

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

2. Are his wife and children responsive to his leadership?

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

3. Do you and your children feel valued by him? Does he endeavor to spend quality time with you and your children?

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

A GOOD REPUTATION WITH THOSE OUTSIDE:

1. Do unchurched people respect him even though they may disagree with his religious views?

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

2. Does he have friends who are not Christians?

3. Has he given unchurched people legitimate occasion for criticism or blame? If yes, please explain.

NOT A NEW CONVERT:

1. Is he an argumentative or critical person?

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

2. Is he willing to submit to the majority opinion even if it differs from his personal opinion?

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

DEVOUT:

1. Does he demonstrate consistency in personal Bible study, prayer and other spiritual practices?

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

2. Is he pursuing personal and practical holiness in areas of his life?

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

3. How have you seen God's grace at work in your husband's life in the last year? Try to be specific.

NOT DOUBLE TONGUED:

1. Does he say one thing and mean another?

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

2. Do you and your husband struggle with gossip? Is he able to keep confidences?

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

LOVING WHAT IS GOOD:

1. Does he look for and expect the best in other people?

Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never Do Not Know

CONCLUSION:

1. How would you see your contribution as an elder's wife? What do you think should be expected of an elder's wife? In what ways do an elder and his wife's call differ?

2. What most worries you about being an elder's wife? Most excites you?

3. What are your husband's greatest attributes and how do you see him being most effectively used in the church? What are your husband's weaknesses?

4. What reservations do you have concerning him becoming an elder?

5. Hypothetically speaking, if you were not married to your husband but knew him as well as you do (personally and spirituality) would you nominate him for this office? Would you willingly submit to his leadership in this role?

6. Knowing that being a church officer requires a sacrificial time commitment, do you think that this is a good season for your husband to serve as an elder?

7. Do you want your husband to serve as an elder at this time? Explain: why or why not.

8. Is there anything else that you would like us to know?

9. If through this process God revealed it was not the right time or right fit for your husband to become an elder, would you be able to respect and support the decision? Would you be willing to continue to serve the church with joy and without complaining?