



## Requirements to be an Officially Appointed House Church Pastor:

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The following are biblical standards for church leadership, but they are also technically the expectations of any mature Christian. If you feel like this list doesn't describe you, ask Jesus how to apply the gospel to that area of your life. What needs to die so the Holy Spirit can live through you? Who do you need to forgive? What lies have you believed that need to be replaced with God's truth? If you will faithfully and prayerfully address the areas that need transformation, the Holy Spirit will reveal Jesus through you.

- Above reproach (1 Tim. 3:2)
- Faithful to one's spouse (if married) and not in a sinful marital situation (1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:6)
- Temperate ("showing moderation or self-restraint") (1 Tim. 3:2)
- Self-controlled (1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8)
- Respectable (1 Tim. 3:2)
- Hospitable (1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8)
- Able to teach (1 Tim. 3:2)
- Not given to drunkenness (1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7)
- Not violent but gentle (1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7)
- Not quarrelsome (1 Tim. 3:3)
- Not a lover of money (1 Tim. 3:3)
- Those with children (under 12 years old) ought to manage their families well and have obedient, believing children, raising them in a way that is worthy of full respect. (1 Tim. 3:4-5; Titus 1:6)
- Shows signs of being a mature believer and has been a Christian for at least a year, preferably longer (1 Tim. 3:6)
- Has a good reputation with outsiders (1 Tim. 3:7)
- Blameless (Titus 1:6-7)
- Not overbearing (not "unpleasantly or arrogantly domineering") (Titus 1:7; 1 Pet. 5:3)
- Slow-tempered (Titus 1:7)
- Not pursuing dishonest gain (Titus 1:7; 1 Pet. 5:2)
- Loves what is good (Titus 1:8)
- Upright (Titus 1:8)
- Holy (Titus 1:8)
- Disciplined (Titus 1:8)
- Holds to the clear tenants of Christianity, defined in our church by our Statement of Faith (Titus 1:9)
- Eager to serve (1 Pet. 5:2)
- Exemplary in Christian conduct (1 Pet. 5:3)
- Humble before others (1 Pet. 5:5)

Before the Senior Leadership Team will officially lay hands on a house church leader and affirm him or her as an official pastor in Roots Church, he or she must meet the following criteria:

1. Be or become a Mission Partner of Roots Church in good standing.
  2. Either (1) serve in the capacity of House Church Leader or Co-Leader for six months, (2) serve in the capacity of House Church Leader or Co-Leader for three months and hold any level of active ministerial credentials with the General Council of the Assemblies of God, or (3) successfully graduate from the Roots School of Ministry (RSOM)
  3. Have three people from one's own House Church fill out a confidential Character Reference form that will be sent to the Spiritual Life Director. (If married, one character reference shall be one's spouse, otherwise no character references shall be from one's own family.)
  4. Regularly attend Sunday "Encounter Nights" and Second-Sunday House Church Pastor Gatherings for at least three months.
  5. Meet, along with one's spouse (if applicable), with at least two members of the Senior Leadership Team for an interview and discussion about life, family, and ministry.
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