

# Questions for Prospective Church Officers

Pinewoods Presbyterian Church

Pensacola (Cantonment), FL.

## I. IN THE AREA OF PERSONAL FAITH

- A. Have you had a genuine experience of salvation?
- B. Do you believe in the necessity of regeneration?
- C. Do you use regularly the means of growth such as prayer and Bible study on your own?
- D. Do you purposely rely on God's Word as a rule and a guide for making decisions in your life?
- E. (Elder Only) The Scriptures teach that Elders are not merely appointees, but gifted men called of God to oversee and shepherd is flock. As best you understand it, do you believe in your heart that God is leading you to serve as an Elder at Pinewoods Presbyterian Church?

## II. IN THE AREA OF STEWARDSHIP

- A. Do you believe in tithing and make a sincere effort to do so?
- B. Do you support the church budget?
- C. Will you give of your time (attendance, preparation, prayer, etc.) as needed to carry on the leadership of the church?

## III. IN THE AREA OF COOPERATION

- A. Do you have a good relationship with the church and its members?
- B. Do you have a good relationship with the other officers?
- C. Do you have a good relationship with the pastor(s)?
- D. Do you believe in the Christian sincerity of your fellow officers and ministers?
- E. Will you work with them on the basis of frank, brotherly confidence and cooperation?

## IV. IN THE AREA OF SEEKING THE PURITY, PEACE AND UNITY OF THE CHURCH

- A. Will you try to put down murmurings and complainings as you would smother a fire, face them frankly, deal with them fairly, and then stand loyally with the majority in their decision?

## V. IN THE AREA OF FAMILY LIFE

- A. Do you have the support of your wife in this calling?
- B. Do you and your wife resist gossip or critical speech about others?
- C. Are you involved in financial difficulties, or any other situations, that might embarrass the church?
- D. Do you, or will you, make an effort to have regular family devotions?
- E. Do you manage your own household as called for in I Timothy 3:4, 5?  
<sup>4</sup>...He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. <sup>5</sup>If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church? (1 Tim.3:4,5)

## VI. IN THE AREA OF SOCIAL LIFE

- A. Have you seriously considered the admonitions to church officers in scripture about the dangers of being a stumbling block and the need for special caution and exemplary conduct in every area of life?
- B. To the best of your ability, will you endeavor to honor the Lord's Day?

## VII. IN THE AREA OF SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH

- A. Do you, or will you, regularly attend Sunday School?
- B. Do you, or will you, attend the regular worship services of the Church?
- C. Will you faithfully and prayerfully attend the regular meetings of the Board of Officers on which you serve.

## VIII. OVERALL SELF-EXAMINATION RESPONSE

- A. Do you sincerely believe your Christian witness and your attendance and support of the work and worship of this church commend you for this office of Ruling Elder (or Deacon)?