

Valleydale Senior Pastor Profile Synopsis

*Praying for the Lord to help us discover a man who reflects Col 1:9-10...**9** “And so, from the day we heard, we have **not ceased to pray** for you, asking that you may be **filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10** so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully **pleasing to him: bearing fruit** in every good work and **increasing in the knowledge of God**”*

These traits are evident by a spirit of humility from faith and dependence on Christ – Psalm 51:17 “My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise”.

*The MAN/ELDER (**Pleasing To God** – 1 Timothy 3:1-7/Titus 1:5-9)*

He has a reputation that meets the scriptural qualifications for an Elder or Overseer. He is approaching his prime phase of ministry having demonstrated spiritual maturity, refined through life experience, sufficient to lead as Senior Pastor within the Valleydale Church by-laws.

*The SHEPHERD (**Full of Spiritual Wisdom** – 1 Peter 5:2-3)*

He is a hard-working servant leader with wisdom necessary to develop staff and lay leaders who collaborate with him in caring for the flock, enriching congregational life, unifying the body and making disciples.

*The TEACHER (**Filled with Knowledge of God** – Joshua 1:7-9, 2 Tim 4:1-5; 2 Tim 3:16-17)*

He boldly preaches the Gospel using the full counsel of God that is based on the inerrancy of scripture and is consistent with Southern Baptist Doctrine. He is an expository teacher with an engaging and relevant preaching style that balances sovereignty and human responsibility.

*The MAN of PRAYER (**Unceasing**–James 5:16, 1 Samuel 12:22-24)*

He models the value of prayer in a manner that is consistent with a spirit led life and ministry.

*The VISIONARY (**Bearing Fruit** – Proverbs 29:18, John 15:4-8)*

He has the wisdom and imagination to inspire a diverse membership that bears fruit in missions, evangelism and generosity while calling attention to the beauty and power of the Gospel. His missional focus will include local, national and international works.

The MAN/ELDER (Pleasing To God – 1 Timothy 3:1-7/Titus 1:5-9)

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

The SHEPHERD (Full of Spiritual Wisdom – 1 Peter 5:2-3)

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

The TEACHER (Filled with Knowledge of God – Joshua 1:7-9, 2 Tim 4:1-5; 2 Tim 3:16-17)

Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when

people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

The MAN of PRAYER (Unceasing—James 5:16, 1 Samuel 12:22-24)

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

For the Lord will not forsake his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you a people for himself. Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you, and I will instruct you in the good and the right way. Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.

The VISIONARY (Bearing Fruit – Proverbs 29:18, John 15:4-8)

*Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. KJV
Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law. ESV*

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.