

up to that. She didn't have the ability to do that. It would cause all kinds of criticism if she did it. Of course she wouldn't do that." So they had to get someone else who was about two-thirds as well qualified as the pastor's wife was. The pastor's wife could have done a much better job of it but she wouldn't do it. So they got the other woman and the pastor's wife went in and helped and spent half her time criticizing the one who was doing it and pointing out how very badly she was doing this, that, and the other thing and criticizing all the teachers and so on. Now if she had run it maybe it would have been run 30% better than with the other one. There still would have been plenty to criticize. But the Lord wants us to look soberly and to step forward and volunteer for that that we are capable of doing and not try to push ourselves beyond what we are able to do. He doesn't want a lot of false modesty nor does he want a lot of pushing. False modesty is a lot better than the pushing. But he doesn't want either. He wants us to serve Him faithfully and so he says if a man desire the office of bishop, he desires a good work but he goes on to say not everybody can be one. Naturally there's a limited number who can have the position and then he gives an ideal here which would just about rule out everybody. And when you get through with this ideal, you get the persons nearest to it that you can and the number that is needed. And so he gives the qualifications for bishop in verses 2 up to 7. And then from Verses 8 on he tells about the deacon, "~~XXXX~~ Deacons in like manner must be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre" and so on. And he even tells what their wives must be like because there's many a man who's ~~XXXX~~ ministry's been ruined by his wife. "Even so must their wives be." Now of course it's not to say you can blame the man for his wife - well, you can. He didn't have to pick her in the first place. You certainly can blame the man for his wife. He has married her and he has a responsibility. He has a responsibility to love her and not to criticize her, to be a partnership with her the rest of his life. But if, by picking her, he has cut himself out from certain opportunities of responsibility and service a person should simply recognize that fact. (Student question) Well I think we would perhaps have to consult the Greek a little more carefully than we have time to right now to be sure of it. If I were to give an