

1 Timothy 3 - What Your Pastor Should Be Pt.2

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1 Timothy 3:1-7

- 1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.
- 2 A **bishop** then must be **blameless**, the **husband of one wife**, **vigilant**, **sober**, of **good behaviour**, **given to hospitality**, **apt to teach**;
- 3 **Not given to wine**, **no striker**, **not greedy of filthy lucre**; but **patient**, **not a brawler**, **not covetous**;
- 4 **One that ruleth well his own house**, having his **children in subjection with all gravity**;
- 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)
- 6 **Not a novice**, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
- 7 **Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without**; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

BISHOP (episkopos) - *one who watches over, superintendent, overseer, inspection, guardian of souls, visitation, superintendence, one who watches over their welfare, to look upon to help or benefit, to look after, to care for, to visit; from skopos meaning the distant end or goal in view*

Acts 20:28

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you **OVERSEERS** (*episkopos*), **TO FEED THE CHURCH OF GOD**, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

RULETH WELL

"One that **ruleth well his own house**, having his **children in subjection with all gravity**;"

ruleth (proistemi) *to set over, superintend, to be a protector, guardian, care for, give attention to*

subjection (hypotage) *obedience, subordination*

gravity (semnotes) *respect, dignity, honor*

NAS "He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity."

ESV "He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive."

*A leader's character is measured by who and what he is in private.
How a leader conducts his home and treats his family will be how he conducts the church.*

Galatians 4:1-2

1 Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything,

2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father.

Proverbs 22:15

"Foolishness (*silliness, folly*) is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him."

*Fathers are to have their children in subjection with all subjection, or respect, or dignity.
Fathers are not to bring their children into subjection with fear, intimidation or severity.
A nurturing love must be demonstrated in the discipline creating respect and admiration.*

How the pastor brings order in his home will be the way he brings order in the church.

What kind of a pastor will a man be? Look at the relationships and responses from his family.

NOT A NOVICE

novice (neophytos) *newly planted, new convert*

Someone "newly planted" in the faith:

- *does not have the humility to deal with the "spotlight" and praise*
- *does not have established roots to withstand storms of adversity*
- *does not have the experience of dealing with people in ministry*
- *does not have an established and proven example for others to follow*

1 Timothy 3:10

"And **let these also first be proved** (*tested, approved, found to be genuine*); then let them use the office of a deacon, **being found blameless.**"

- *Time and trials reveal the character and motives of the heart, whether a person is self-serving or wholly given to God's service.*
- *Does the individual have a personal agenda or ambition?*

1 Timothy 5:22

"**Lay hands suddenly** (*quickly, shortly, hastily*) **on no man**, neither be **partaker** (*koinoneo - to come into fellowship with*) of other men's sins: **keep thyself pure.**"

- *The influence from those we team with in ministry is far more significant than we often realize.*
- *A team member can greatly retard or greatly advance the ministry.*
- *Teaming must be with those of one heart, one mind, one vision.*

1 Corinthians 15:33 "Do not be deceived: Bad company corrupts good morals."

Psalms 101:4-7

4 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.

5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

2 Timothy 2:2

"And the things that **thou hast heard of me among many witnesses**, the same **commit thou to faithful men**, who shall be **able to teach others** also."

- A faithful servant is one who is able to both demonstrate and communicate the vision and message of the ministry.

GOOD REPORT OF THEM WHICH ARE WITHOUT

report (martyria) record, report, testimony, witness

The bishop must maintain the balance of not being a man-pleaser, but not bringing an offense or a reproach upon the ministry with words or actions contrary to God's Word.

If offense is caused, it must be the Word of God causing the offense, not the human vessel.

Titus 2:7-8

7 **In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works**: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

8 **Sound speech, that cannot be condemned**; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, **having no evil thing to say of you.**

1 Peter 3:16

"Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, **they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.**"