



## Characteristics of a Leader in the Church

### Lesson 4: Free From the Love of Money, One Who Manages His Own Household Well & A Good Reputation with Those Outside the Church

#### 1. Introduction / Review

When Paul looked for leaders in the early church, he looked for a certain kind of person.

#### 1 Timothy 3:1-7

#### Titus 1:5-10

These are qualifications for leaders. However, they are also character traits that every Christian man should possess.

- Above reproach / Blameless
- Husband of one wife
- Temperate
- Sober-minded
- Respectable / Of good behavior
- Hospitable
- Able to teach / Holding fast the faithful Word as he has been taught
- Not given to wine
- Not self-willed
- Not quick-tempered
- Not violent

- Not quarrelsome
- Gentle
- Free from the love of money / Not covetous
- One who manages his own household well
- A good reputation with those outside the church
- Love what is good
- Just / Holy
- Not a new convert
- Self-controlled

This list goes beyond generalizations and gives specific characteristics of a man or woman of God.

## **2. Free from the love of money / Not covetous**

### **1 Timothy 6:9-10**

\_\_\_\_\_. It is something we need in order to function on the earth.

We also need money for \_\_\_\_\_

We are instructed not to love money or be covetous.

You do not have to be rich to love money. Many people who do not have money, still love it.

### **Matthew 6:19-21**

We have to be honest with ourselves. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Hebrews 13:5**

Are your priorities right? The following scripture reference will help you:

### **Proverbs 23:4, 5**

### **Ecclesiastes 5:10**

Free from the love of money and not being covetous also hold other definitions that are important, especially when it comes to leadership.

- Not desiring your position in the church for personal gain
- Not using wrong methods to raise money or increase income

### **3. One who manages his own household well**

This does not mean that a man of God must be married and have children.

### **1 Timothy 3:4**

The word children in the Greek is used to describe children who are still under parental guidance at home.

This verse presents the idea of a person who carries himself with dignity and treats other people with courtesy and respect.

If the children are disrespectful towards authority and resentful when they are asked to do something it reveals the attitude of the parents.

If the parents are true servants, their children will also reflect \_\_\_\_\_

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A true leader most often has children who are servants.

This is why Paul the apostle put this in the list. If you are looking to put someone in a leadership position all you have to do is look at their children. How their children speak to each other and treat other people reveal what is going on in the home.

This also brings about another thought - What happens in a person's private life will spill over into the public life.

Paul encouraged Timothy to dig deeper into the personal life of a person before putting them in a public position.

Definition of RULES:

- Someone who is standing up in front in order to lead, guide, direct, or manage a situation.
- It conveys the idea of a leader who is responsible for giving oversight and direction to a group of people.

You \_\_\_\_\_ someone's public life from their personal life.

Paul is not speaking about a man who has a perfect family.

This has nothing to do with man's success in business.

People often mistake a man's good business sense, how efficient he is, how smart he is, and how much money he makes as signs of spiritual maturity.

If a man has a well-ordered business, but his family is suffering it is not a good thing.

“Ruling his own house” means to do it not with hardness or tyranny, but with honesty

#### **4. A good reputation with those outside the church**

Sometimes people will say, “What people think of me is not important. It's only important what God thinks of me.”

However, if you want to be used by God it is necessary for you to understand that what people think about you is important. It determines whether people will listen to you and allow you to lead them.

#### **1 Timothy 3:7**

Definition of GOOD TESTIMONY:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Nothing offensive or displeasing in your behavior that would discredit you from the site of other people

Paul is talking about this in reference to how non-Christians look at us.

He was saying that a person should not be permitted to be a leader unless non-Christians think highly of them.

#### **1 Thessalonians 4:11, 12**

#### **Colossians 4:5, 6**

#### **1 Corinthians 10:31-22**

#### **1 Peter 2:12, 15**

**Philippians 2:14-16****Titus 2:7, 8**

We must strive to have a good reputation in business and in the community.

Ask yourself:

- Do I grumble and complain on the job?
- How is my speech?
- How is my social life?