

Conduct in the Church
Growing in Godliness
Week #3 – Temperate Thinking
1 Timothy 3:2, 3:11

Introduction

- There are characteristics that are to mark church leaders, but they are not to mark church leadership alone. They are attributes that should characterize ____ of us in the church.

Two words describing our minds

1. _____ of Thinking -

- The big idea here is that believers should have a clarity in their thinking, being _____.

What are some things that can hinder our temperate thinking?
What is the relationship between clarity of thinking and self-control?

2. _____ of Thinking -

- The word speaks of a self-control in our _____ that gets played out as a practical self-control in our _____.
- James 1:14-15
 - There can be _____ thoughts and _____ desires in our hearts and minds. If they aren't mortified, there will be a practical outworking of rebelling against a holy God with deadly _____.
- Philippians 1:9-11
 - This rightly ordered thinking has a practical outworking of _____.
 - Notice that Paul is praying for _____.
 - If you're an unbeliever, trying to fulfill this on your own will simply lead to _____. You need the righteousness that only comes through _____ in the Son of God who became sin for us.

Discussion Questions:

How are the attributes we have examined tonight rooted in God's unchanging nature (Eph. 5:1)?

How do these principles from 1 Tim. 3:2 relate to our two key words for Life Link (Truth and Godliness)?