

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible  
 Current Book: 1 Timothy – verse by verse

**Scriptures for Today: 1 Timothy 3:1-13 – character qualities of the leaders of God’s flock**

Today’s Message:

**“Church Leadership”**



**INTRODUCTION**

Last week, God transitioned from a focus on the prayers of the men to the women’s priority of inner beauty. Our Creator has made men and women to complement and help each other to bring Him glory. Today, we arrive at a very important chapter. Paul will provide the young man he trained for ministry with very important character qualities for not only the leaders of God’s church but **ALL** Christians. Now there are only two **OFFICES** in a local church ordered according to the word of God. Jeremiah warned, “Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.” Remember God’s church is His **FLOCK**. And His leaders (and people) must have Christ-like character.

**LEARNING TOGETHER**

**A. The Text 1 Timothy 3:1-13**

**#1. The Flock – God cares about His SHEEP and desires their safe-keeping.**

**THE FLOCK OF GOD**

- 1) The phrase “**MY SHEEP**” is found 10 times in the KJB.  
*Job 31:20; Ezk 34:6, 11, 12; Lk 15:6; Jn 10:14, 26, 27; 21:16, 17*
- 2) In the OT, God’s people are called His **FLOCK**. *Jer 23:1-4 (serious warnings); Num 27:17*
- 3) In the NT, God’s people are called His **FLOCK**. *Acts 20:28-29 (serious warnings)*
- 4) Jesus Christ is the **GOOD Shepherd**. *John 10:1-14; Gen 46:34 (abomination to Egyptians)*
- 5) Jesus Christ is the **CHIEF Shepherd**. *1Peter 5:4; Psalm 80:1 (O Shepherd of Israel)*
- 6) Jesus Christ is the **Shepherd and BISHOP** of your soul. *1Pet 2:25; Ps 23:1 (My Shepherd)*

**NOTE** What a sobering reality! Leaders of God’s flock must have Christ-like character!

**CHURCH LEADERSHIP OFFICES**

“**Bishop**”  
 (Overseer)  
 “**Elder**”  
 (Maturity)  
 “**Pastor**”  
 (Shepherd)

- 1: BISHOP | ELDER | PASTOR *1Tim3:1;5:17; Titus1:5,7; Acts20:17,28; Eph4:11; 1Pet5:1*  
*“For this cause left I thee in Crete... ORDAIN ELDERS in every city as I had appointed thee...”*
- 2: DEACON *1Tim 3:8-13; Php 1:1; Acts 6:1-7* \* A word about Phoebe... *Rom 16:1*  
*“Look ye out among you seven MEN of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom...”*

**NOTE** God has always led His church to choose out from among them certain men.

**2022 VISION:** *This is our time!*  
*Making disciples and caring for souls!*

**#2. The Pastors – the pastoral office is a humbling warfare and CALLING. (1-7)**

**CHARACTER QUALITIES** (A multitude of evident personal character qualities)

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| 1) <i>Blameless Titus 1:6,7; Dan 6:4,5</i>   | Above preach; blame is without cause           |
| 2) <i>The husband of one wife Titus 1:6</i>  | One-woman man; not married one time            |
| 3) <i>Vigilant 1Peter 5:8; Prov 4:23</i>   | Watchful; providing for safety; safe-keeping   |
| 4) <i>Sober 1Peter 5:8; Titus 1:8</i>  | Serious; In control of mind and emotions       |
| 5) <i>Of good behaviour 1Ths2:10; Php 1:27</i>   | Modest conduct; behaving in godly manner       |
| 6) <i>Given to hospitality Gal 6:10; Heb 13:2</i>  | Receiving and entertaining strangers           |
| 7) <i>Apt to teach Ex 4:10-12; 2Tim 2:2</i>  | Ready; fit; not about ability but availability |
| 8) <i>Not given to wine Lev 10:9; Pr 31:4-5</i>  | No cause for stumbling; drink, forget, pervert |
| 9) <i>No striker Ex 2:11-12; Jn 18:10-11</i>   | Uncontrolled anger; quarrelsome; fight-ready   |
| 10) <i>Not greedy of filthy lucre Pr 28:8</i>  | Unjust gain by improper motive or method       |
| 11) <i>Patient Rom 5:3-5; 2Pet 1:5-7</i>   | Enduring adversity or evils without complaint  |
| 12) <i>Not a brawler Prov 13:10; Jas 4:1-3</i>   | Confrontational; speaking loud and indecently  |
| 13) <i>Not covetous Ex 20:17; Col 3:5</i>  | Idolatry; inordinately desirous of possessions |
| 14) <i>Ruleth well his own house Titus 1:6</i><br><i>(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)</i> | Governs with godly authority and character     |
| 15) <i>Not a novice 1Cor 3:1; Php 3:12</i>   | Not experienced; unacquainted or unproven      |
| 16) <i>Good report 1Cor 9:19-23; 10:31-33</i>  | Good testimony; good public character          |

**BEWARE!**  
"fall into...  
of the devil"  
**A NOVICE**  
**A BAD REPORT**

**NOTE** "If a man DESIRE the office of a bishop, he desireth a good WORK." Amen!

**#3. The Deacons – the office of a deacon is a sobering RESPONSIBILITY. (8-13)**

**CHARACTER QUALITIES** (Evident personal character qualities)

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| 1) <i>Grave (no modern versions) Titus 2:1-2</i>  | More than serious or critical; deathly serious |
| 2) <i>Not doubletongued Jas 1:8; 3:3-12</i>   | Double in speech; no flattery or lies          |
| 3) <i>Not given to much wine 1Cor 6:12</i>  | Not a stumblingblock; medicinal purposes       |
| 4) <i>Not greedy of filthy lucre Pr 28:8</i>  | Unjust gain by improper motive or method       |
| 5) <i>Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience Titus 1:9</i>                     | Doctrinally sound                              |
| 6) <i>Proven 1Tim 3:6; 1Jn 4:1; Jdg 3:1-4</i>   | Tried and tested (local church); experienced   |
| 7) <i>Blameless Titus 1:6,7; Dan 6:4,5</i>  | Above preach; not sinless                      |
| 8) <i>The husband of one wife Titus 1:6</i>   | One-woman man                                  |
| * <i>Their wives must be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things</i> Trustworthy |  |
| 9) <i>Ruling their children and their own houses well</i>                                     | Governs home in godly manner                   |

**God's reward:** A good degree... great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus!

**NOTE** All born-again men and women know how to behave and bring God glory!

**Question?**  
What has God revealed about your life today on godly, personal character qualities?  
Repent if needed.

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