

L8: 1 Timothy 3:1-13: The Bishop & Deacon

Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize

- True saying
- Man desiring the office of a bishop
- A good work

Sermon Preview:

- The continuing qualifications of a bishop
- The continuing qualifications of a deacon

Sermon:

(1 Timothy 3:1) This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

(1 Timothy 3:2) A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

- **"A bishop then"**
 - based upon the initial criteria of the true saying, that is,
 - A man
 - Desire the office
 - Identifies if that man desiring the office "be":
- **"blameless"** - not sinless perfection, but no blotch that would compromise the use of the office
- **"the husband of one wife"** - not an adulterer or fornicator
 - Doesn't mean man has to be married
 - Implications of single man - not flirty
- **"vigilant"** - watchful/circumspect
 - Acts 20
- **"sober"** - under the influence of the Spirit - selfless, servant
 - Rom. 12:3
 - Php. 2
 - Titus 2

- **"of good behaviour"** - conduct, manners, carriage of one's self, external appearance, particular character - restrain, govern, subdue (Rom. 6:22, Rom. 8:5)
- **"given to hospitality"** - not only open his home, but cultivates in behavior a sanctifying and edifying environment - spiritual hospital - assessing physical and spiritual needs of others
- **"apt to teach;"** - fit, suitable, ready, quick, qualified
 - To instruct, to inform, to communicate to another the knowledge of that of which he was before ignorant
 - Not with good words and fair speeches
 - Not with enticing words of man's wisdom
 - Can teach and is fit and suitable to do communicate the truths of God's Word
 - 1 Tim. 4:13, 15-16
 - 2 Tim. 2:15
 - 2 Cor. 4:2
 - Follows the prescription of teaching and the aptness it effectually works - not the criteria of the world
 - Recognizes forms of doctrines
 - Can identify the composition of a letter, passage, verse break it down in its component parts, communicate its role, but also the interrelationship with the other parts that other may know how the whole works.

(1 Timothy 3:3) Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

- **"not given to wine"** - can drink wine, but isn't under its power, lusting after it, on an instant and routine basis
- **"no striker"** - quarrelsome man, pugnacious, strifes of words (2 Tim. 2:24-26)
- **"not greedy of filthy lucre"** - having a keen desire to obtain gain - filthy lucre
 - What makes money filthy - means of attaining
 - Force, compromising truth, imposing wrong sense of motivation
- **"patient"** - Having the quality of enduring evils without murmuring or fretfulness; Not easily provoked; calm under the sufferance of injuries or offenses
 - Patience helps with greed
 - Patience also helps with brawling

- **"not a brawler"** - not soon angry (Tit. 1)
- **"not covetous"** - want for anything not just filthy lucre

(1 Timothy 3:4) One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

- **"one that ruleth well his own house"** - man's home is his kingdom, how he rules it manifests how he can rule the church
 - **"having his children in subjection with all gravity"** - Eph. 5 (subject one to another)
 - **"fearing the Lord"**
 - Care of the house relates to care for the church

(1 Timothy 3:5) (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

- Reason for see what he "must be" as it concerns his ruling of his house

(1 Timothy 3:6) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

- **"not a novice"** - newbie, unacquainted or unskilled
 - Proverbs 1
 - Reason:
 - "lest being lifted up with pride" - Isa. 14, Ez. 28
 - "he fall into the condemnation of the devil."
 - Doesn't possess the fear of the Lord

(1 Timothy 3:7) Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

- **"Moreover"**
 - **"he must have a good report of them which are without;"** - report from those without
 - **"lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil."** - good standing citizen

- Object of contempt, scorn or derision - eyes away from Christ or a reproach upon Christ
- Snare of the devil

(1 Timothy 3:8) Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

- **"Likewise"** - just how the bishops "must be" so to "the deacons" as things it concerns them
- **"must the deacons be"**
 - **"grave"** - honest, honorable - giving cause for alarm, serious
 - **"not doubletongued"** - James 3, Pro. 15:4, 13:3, 21:23, 18:21 (Eph. 4, Col. 4)
 - Say one thing to one but not to another
 - **"not given to much wine"** - see above
 - **"not greedy of filthy lucre"** - see above

(1 Timothy 3:9) Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

- **"Holding the mystery of the faith"** - the mystery of Christ
- **"in a pure conscience."** - sincere, genuine, unmixed
 - James 1:22-24, 1:8

(1 Timothy 3:10) And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.

- **"And let these also first be proved;"** - discerned, examined
 - **"then let them use the office of a deacon"** - use office as a deacon
 - **"being found blameless."** - examine of blameless (must be blameless)

(1 Timothy 3:11) Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

- **"Even so must their wives be grave"** - deacon grave, wife be grave
 - Fellow believer, in the local assembly - not to draw away from the work of the ministry

- **"not slanderers"** - gossips impacting negatively the church, 1 Tim. 5:13
- **"sober"** - see above
- **"faithful in all things"** - all the good works

(1 Timothy 3:12) Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

- **"Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife"** - see above
- **"ruling their children and their own houses well"**
 - Part of ruling children and own houses well - husband of one wife
 - Your relationship to your wife is the number one main governors of your children and house.

(1 Timothy 3:13) For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

- **"for they that have used the office of a deacon well"** - promise
- **"purchase to themselves a good degree"** - degree of glory, progression, quality, dignity or rank
 - **"and great boldness in the faith"** - pressed upon you to be bold to do that the ministry demands
 - **"which is in Christ Jesus."**

Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize