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# Timothy

TRUTHS OF THE FAITH FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

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NEXT GEN LEADERS // 1 Timothy 3

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Every Generation has a N \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_.

“ <sup>1</sup>This is a trustworthy saying: ‘If someone aspires to be a church leader, he desires an honorable position.’ <sup>2</sup>So a church leader must be a man whose life is **above reproach**. He must be **faithful to his wife**. He must **exercise self-control, live wisely, and have a good reputation**. He must **enjoy having guests in his home**, and he must be **able to teach**. <sup>3</sup>He must **not be a heavy drinker or be violent. He must be gentle, not quarrelsome, and not love money**. <sup>4</sup>He must **manage his own family well**, having children who respect and obey him. <sup>5</sup>For if a man cannot manage his own household, how can he take care of God’s church?

<sup>6</sup>A church leader must not be a **new believer**, because he might **become proud**, and the devil would cause him to fall. <sup>7</sup>Also, people **outside the church must speak well of him** so that he will not be disgraced and fall into the devil’s trap.

<sup>8</sup>In the same way, deacons **must be well respected and have integrity**. They must **not be heavy drinkers or dishonest with money**. <sup>9</sup>They must be committed to the mystery of the faith now revealed and must **live with a clear conscience**. <sup>10</sup>Before they are appointed as deacons, let them be closely examined. If they pass the test, then let them serve as deacons.

<sup>11</sup>In the same way, their wives must **be respected** and must **not slander others**. They must **exercise self-control and be faithful in everything they do**.

<sup>12</sup>A deacon must be **faithful to his wife**, and he must **manage his children and household well**. <sup>13</sup>Those who do well as deacons will be rewarded with respect from others and will have increased confidence in their faith in Christ Jesus.”

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-13 (NLT)

7 Qualities for Next Generation Leaders:

Not a \_\_\_\_\_ . (...must not be a new believer)

“ <sup>14</sup>Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. <sup>15</sup>Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.”

EPHESIANS 4:14-15 (NLT)

Good \_\_\_\_\_ . (...speak well of him...have a good reputation...must be well respected)

“ <sup>1</sup>Choose a good reputation over great riches; being held in high esteem is better than silver or gold.”

PROVERBS 22:1 (NLT)

The \_\_\_\_\_ . (...above reproach...faithful to his wife...and have integrity)

“ <sup>12</sup>Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world. ”

1 PETER 2:12 (NLT)

Got it \_\_\_\_\_ . (...must exercise self-control)

“ <sup>28</sup> A person without self-control is like a city with broken-down walls.”

PROVERBS 25:28 (NLT)

\_\_\_\_\_ Free. (...not be heavy drinkers)

“ <sup>18</sup> Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, ”

EPHESIANS 5:18 (NLT)

“ <sup>23</sup> Don't drink only water. You ought to drink a little wine for the sake of your stomach because you are sick so often.”

1 TIMOTHY 5:23 (NLT)

Not a \_\_\_\_\_ . (...or be violent. He must be gentle, not quarrelsome.)

“ <sup>24</sup> A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people.”

2 TIMOTHY 2:24 (NLT)

Not a \_\_\_\_\_ . (...not love money or dishonest with money)

“ <sup>2</sup> Tainted wealth has no lasting value, but right living can save your life.  
<sup>3</sup> The Lord will not let the godly go hungry, but he refuses to satisfy the craving of the wicked.  
<sup>4</sup> Lazy people are soon poor; hard workers get rich.”

PROVERBS 10:2-4 (NLT)

## So What

“ <sup>14</sup> I am writing these things to you now, even though I hope to be with you soon, <sup>15</sup> so that if I am delayed, you will know how people must conduct themselves in the household of God. This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and foundation of the truth.

<sup>16</sup> Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith: Christ was revealed in a human body and vindicated by the Spirit. He was seen by angels and announced to the nations. He was believed in throughout the world and taken to heaven in glory.”

1 TIMOTHY 3:14-16 (NLT)

Every Generation leads N \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ .

“ <sup>2</sup> You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.”

2 TIMOTHY 2:2 (NLT)

## DISCUSSION Questions:

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- 1 - Who is a leader you respected and learned a lot from?
- 2 - Who is a leader you struggled to follow? Why?
- 3 - Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13. Why do some people read this list and shrink from it? Which items on the list are the most troublesome?
- 4 - Of the 7 qualities, which do you find the hardest to live out?
- 5 - Where in your life has God called you to lead others?
- 6 - Who in your life from the next generation shows leadership qualities? How can you come alongside and encourage them to take those leadership roles?

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