

Leadership in Ministry Handout

1 Timothy 3:2-7 New King James Version (NKJV)

²A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; ³not ^[a]given to wine, not violent, ^[b]not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not ^[c]covetous; ⁴one who rules his own house well, having *his* children in submission with all reverence ⁵(for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); ⁶not a ^[d]novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the *same* condemnation as the devil. ⁷Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

. Leadership is one of the twenty-one gifts of the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:4-8)

Background on Joshua

Joshua was the son of Nun. Joshua is the Hebrew equivalent of the Greek name... Jesus. Moses actually changed his name from HOSHEA which means Salvation (*Num 13:8*). To Yehoshua Yahweh is Salvation (*Num 13:16*)

. Joshua had been Moses Personal assistant for much of the 40 years they wandered in the wilderness.

. Joshua was with Moses on Mount Sinai (*Exodus 24:13*).

. Joshua was one of the 12 spies. 1 of 2 that actually wanted to move forward with Conquering the Land (*Numbers 13:8, 16*). Caleb the other.

. Joshua was no spring chicken. He was 85 when he took over for Moses, to lead the Children of Israel.

. Joshua spent the next 25 years leading Isarel in taking over the Promised Land and governing the 12 Tribes in the Land. He died at the age of 110

5 Characteristics of Leadership from Joshua

. **Joshua Had Fear of the Lord** – Had a deep relationship with the Lord... Reverence!

. **Joshua was a Faithful Servant**- Joshua could be counted on. Looked to SERVE NOT BE SERVED!

. **Joshua was Obedient**- Did what was asked of him by the Lord. Also, when he was Moses Assistant.

. **Joshua was Humble**- Did not seek his way, but the Lord's way. Never thought more of himself.

. **Joshua did not Compromise (Integrity)** - Never wavered from the instruction of the Lord.

“...But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”- Joshua 24:15b

“The Bible Shows us that when God does find a person who is ready to lead, to commit to full discipleship, and take on responsibility for others, that person is used to the limit.”- J.Oswald Sanders

