

Characteristics for Effective Leadership in Ministry

“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

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

² A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; ³ not ^[a]given to wine, not violent, ^[b]not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not ^[c]covetous; ⁴ one 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?); ⁶ not a ^[d]novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the *same* condemnation as the devil. ⁷ Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

. Background on 1 Timothy

. What is an Overseer?

. 16 Different Characteristics/Attributes we are to practice as an Overseer/Leader in Ministry.

**You have the characteristic, along with a BRIEF explanation. Space allowed to write your own notes as we discuss each one.*

. **BLAMELESS** - Meaning, you cannot have anything against you that would attack the ministry.

. **ONE SPOUSE** - Does not mean you have to be married. Simply means, if you are married, it's to one woman.

. **TEMPERATE** - Calm, reliable and trustworthy individual. Won't go off into wild ideas or actions.

. **SOBER-MINDED** - Can think clearly, with clarity.

. **GOOD BEHAVIOR** - an Orderly or Modest person.

. HOSPITABLE- Willing to open their home to people.

. TEACHING- Skilled enough to teach the Bible

. NO ALCOHOL- Keep away from Intoxicating beverages.

. NOT A VOLIENT PERSON- Not a Violent person privately or publicly. Let's the Lord defend him.

. NOT GREEDY FOR MONEY- Not consumed with trying to gain wealth

. GENTLE- Person who is like Jesus. Approachable, kind, loving.

. NOT QUARRELSOME- Not always fighting with someone or over something.

. Not Covetous- Never satisfied with what God has. Always striving for more

. HOUSE IS IN ORDER- Your first ministry. The ability to lead his family well.

. NOT A NEW PERSON TO THE FAITH- Cannot be someone who has recently been saved. Need to be signs of maturity.

. MUST HAVE A GOOD TESTOMONY (PEOPLE MUST SEE THESE CHARACTERISTICS ALL AROUND YOU)