

CHARACTER QUALITIES FOR ALL BELIEVERS – 1 TIMOTHY 3:2-13

While it's true that the _____ qualities found in 1 Timothy 3:2-13 apply directly to pastors, deacons, and their wives, they are also attributes that all born-again believers should exemplify respectively. What would our local church be like if every member aspired to live in such a way that they too would be eligible, by _____ traits and works, to hold the office of pastor or deacon? Not everyone has the gift or skill set to speak publicly—not everyone can be the leader, but these aside it would be a church that could easily multiply itself. Is that not our goal? Do we not have a mandate to reach the world? Therefore, we must first _____ the type of people God desires before seeking to _____ all he wants us to accomplish.

1. The character qualities of 1 Timothy 3:2-13

- Blameless
- The husband of one wife
- Vigilant
- Sober
- Of good behaviour
- Given to hospitality
- Apt to teach
- Not given to [much] wine
- No striker
- Not greedy of filthy lucre
- Patient
- Not a brawler
- Not covetous
- One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity
- Not a novice
- Having a good report of them which are without
- Grave
- Not double-tongued
- Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience
- Proven
- Wives must be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things

2. How these qualities apply to all of us

a. Pastors – Titus 1:1-16; also see Romans thru Philemon

- *Ordain elders in every city...*

Q: From where do you get the pastors of local churches?

A: From within the membership of local churches found in every city

b. Deacons – Acts 6:1-7

- *Look ye out among you...*

Q: From where do you get the deacons of local churches?

A: From within the membership of local churches

c. Their wives – 1 Timothy 3:11

- *Faithful in all things...*

d. The mission and purpose of every believer and every local church

- Our purpose is to bring glory to God – Ro. 15:5-9; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 10:32; Eph. 3:21
- Every believer is an ambassador and minister – 1 Cor. 4:1-2; 2 Cor. 5:20a

e. God's great love for us – Eph. 2:4-10

- We reciprocate with our love toward him – Jo. 14:15; 15:14

God desires a close personal relationship with every person, especially those that believe

Through our intimacy with him we will bear fruit

As a result, we are in a close love relationship with God

3. What these qualities represent – Mt. 5:16; Rev. 4:11

a. Mt. 5:16 – a means by which God is glorified in the world

b. Rev. 4:11 – the reason we were created

- _____ to God – our ability to make our God look good
- Honour to God – personally and corporately placing the highest _____ on our God
- Power to God – willingly giving God power over our lives and church through complete _____ and submission