

SOUND WORKERS IN THE CHURCH

Introduction: Jesus told His disciples, "I will build My church" (Mt 16:18) and He began to build it on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2). The church is "the pillar and ground of the truth" in this dispensation of grace (1 Tim 3:15). Therefore, it is important that qualified men are chosen to lead the churches in the work that God wants them to do.

Lesson Aim: Know the credentials that God has given for pastors and deacons; follow them carefully.

Memory Verse: "Lay hands suddenly on no man" (1 Tim 5:22a).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:**I. Requirements for a Bishop (Elder, Pastor) — 3:1-7**

1. What is the work of a bishop called? 3:1

2. Match the requirements of the office of a bishop with its description. 3:2-7

Blameless__e__

Husband of one wife____

Vigilant____

Sober____

Has good behavior____

Given to hospitality____

Apt to teach____

Not given to wine____

No striker____

Not greedy of filthy lucre; not covetous ____

Patient____

Not a brawler____

Rules his own house well____

Not be a new convert____

Has a good testimony before unbelievers____

a. Organized in his life; composed, honorable

b. Has the gift to teach God's Word

c. He is gentle, endures the needs of others

d. Wine is not his companion

e. Is above reproach

f. He does not lust after money

g. No divorce after salvation

h. Earnest, sensible, serious

i. He has the trust of unbelievers

j. Helps Christians and strangers in need

k. He has obedient, respectful children

l. He has lived with Christ for several years

m. Watch out for sin and compromise, alert

n. He is not contentious or quarrelsome

o. He does not use his fists in anger

II. Requirements for a Deacon — 3:8-12

3. What requirements for a deacon are the same as those for a bishop (pastor)?

III. Rewards for Good Service — 3:13

4. What happens to a deacon that performs his duties well? 3:13

IV. Reasons for the Letter — 3:14-16

5. Give one reason why Paul wrote this letter to Timothy? 3:14-15

6. What is the mystery (revelation from God) of godliness? 3:16 God was . . .

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.