

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

II

Timothy 3:1-13

Godly Leadership

Leadership in God's church has high standards

(Someone else's church, I don't know about)

Why?

For God

A leader's **1st job** is to **serve God**

They are **accountable to Him**

Leaders serve **In His Behalf**

They should expect to enjoy

His approval in Everything

- How we **live**
- How we **lead**
- How we **treat people**

Character trumps effectiveness & productivity

Lead by example, following Christ's example

So leaders can be confident

So God's people can be confident

So the world has no **valid accusation**

Vs. 2-3

A godly leader **MUST** have several qualifications

These are **NOT** optional

"He must be **faithful to his wife.**"
Indivisibly united with her as one

"He must exercise **self-control**, live **wisely**, and have a **good reputation.**"

Be known to be such a person

"He must enjoy having **guests in his home**"

Live a **welcoming, hospitable** life

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"He must be **able to teach.**"

This **does not mean** doing what we do up here in this setting

This doesn't mean a **classroom** setting, mindset, style, etc.

Not many are Dr. Graciano

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It does mean being able to **present God's life truth:**

- Personally for a **particular person**
- In **the setting** we encounter them
- According to how **God is drawing them to Himself**

It is **NOT** waiting to present a prepared package

Not a prepared message, but a **prepared messenger**

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"He must not be **a heavy drinker** or be **violent.**"

- **Drunkenness** is not acceptable
- **Wisdom** is needed, not a **blanket policy**
- **Preferring other people** in what we don't do

"**Gentle, not quarrelsome,** and **not** love money."

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Vs. 4-5

Pretty much common sense, don't you think?

Both are about **family leadership**

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Vs. 6

Pride & wisdom **don't cohabit**

Leaders **demonstrate godly wisdom** before they are installed in the role

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Vs. 7 – See Vs. 2-3

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Vs. 8-13

The office of deacon is not a lesser office, or lesser standard

The office of elder is broader in scope

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Vs. 10

Confidence before God **welcomes examination**

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Vs. 11

The wives of deacons are not held to a higher standard

*The wives of both are **one flesh with their husbands** before God*

*Deacons are responsible in the **practical affairs** of the church, **including** many practical **needs of individuals***

The wives of both must be trustworthy with confidential knowledge

Vs. 13

***Confidence before God** in marriage, home and church is a promised blessing that **comes with faithful service to God** and His people*