

SERMON OUTLINE

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Qualities of a Good Leader

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I. Introduction

- A. There Is a Lot Involved in Being a Godly Leader
- B. Timothy was Lead by Paul: I Timothy 4:6,12-16

II. Qualities of a Godly Leader

- A. Actively Serves (I Timothy 4:12)
 - 1. "Looking down on" – "despise" – "think nothing /little of"
 - 2. Show yourself an example: "tupos": "a mark, impression made by the striking" thus "a pattern or model of a building" (**Acts 7:44** - Moses/tabernacle)
 - 3. A Leader Lives It
- B. Directs Others to the Truth (I Timothy 4:13)
 - 1. Public Reading of Scripture: So the authority would come from God, not man!!! A Leader turns people to God – not himself!!
 - 2. An Encourager: "paraklesis": A Leader Does NOT Walk Alone!
 - 3. Giving attention to teaching: "that taught, instruction, doctrine"
 - a. A leader KNOWS the word – Helps others know it
 - 4. Progression: We can't TEACH until we SHOW (paraklesis); We can't SHOW until we KNOW; We can't KNOW without turning to GOD'S WORD
- C. Takes Responsibility (I Timothy 4:14)
 - 1. Neglecting the Spiritual Gift
 - a. **2 Timothy 1:6-7** ...God has not called us to TIMIDITY...
 - b. God has blessed us for a REASON and PURPOSE
 - c. Let's use what God has given - ACT!
 - 2. A Leader Knows - There is a JOB to do - A ROLE in that work!
- D. Has God's Work as His Life (I Timothy 4:15)
 - 1. Take Pains = "revolve in the mind" - meditate - INSIDE
 - 2. Give Yourself Wholly = "up to his ears", devoted - OUTSIDE
 - 3. A Leader Sees the Work - Is BUSY with It! - NOT a hobby!
- E. Is Constantly Focused on Personal Growth (I Timothy 4:16)
 - 1. Pay Close Attention to Yourself: It starts with ME
 - 2. A Leader Checks His Motives and Actions - **2 Corinth 13:5**