Bible Study   1St Timothy 3:1-16

Church Officers

Objectives:

- To understand the qualifications and duties of a Pastor.
- To understand the qualifications and duties of a Deacon.
- To understand the qualifications and duties of a Deacons' spouse.
- To understand the mystery of godliness.

Summary

In chapter 3 of 1st Timothy, Paul gives the roles and responsibilities of church leaders. Church leadership is vitally important because everything will either rise or fall based on spiritual leadership of the church. **Spiritual leadership** is defined as the God given ability to move people onto God's agenda. The Holy Spirit imparts gifts to every believer for ministry in the church, and among these gifts are: Pastors and teachers (Ephesians 4:11), helps, and governments (1st Cor. 12:28).

Although the church is an organism, the church must have organization or it will die.

Questions, Answers, and Discussions

A. What is a bishop, and why is being a bishop a good work? (1)
B. List the qualifications of a bishop (pastor/elder). (2-7)
- **Blameless-**
- **Husband of one wife-**
- **Vigilant-**
- **Sober-**
- **Good behavior-**
- **Hospitable-**
- **Ability to teach-**
- **Not given to wine-**
- **Not a striker-**
- **Not greedy for money-**
- **Patient-**
- **Not a brawler-**
- **Not covetous-**
- **Respectful family life-**
- **Not a novice-**
- **Well thought of outside the church-**

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    C.   List the qualifications of deacon. (8-10, 12-13)
- **Grave-**
- **Not double-tongued-**
- **Not given to much wine-**
- **Not greedy for money-**
- **Understands and believes in the mystery of faith-**
- **Must be tested-**
- **Blameless-**
- **Husband of one wife-**
- **Respectful family life-**

    D.   List the qualifications of a deacon's spouse. (11)
- **Grave-**
- **Not slanderers-**
- **Sober-**
- **Faithful in all things-**

    E.   What ought to be our conduct in the church? (15)
    F.   Why is the church, called the *"pillar and ground of truth?"* (15)
    G. Explain the mystery of godliness. (16)

Lessons Learned