

1 Timothy 3 King James Version (KJV)

(Paul's opinion based on his knowledge of the Gospel)

3 This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. (If he's sincere and is led of God)

²A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; (You have to know God's Word before you can teach it. Many preaches today have no idea what they are teaching. They make up their own doctrine and pass it off as God's Word. EXAMPLE = Easter, rapture doctrine, treating women as lesser people not qualified to do God's work)

(You should obey God's commandments and live by them before you teach others)

³Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; (striker= a hitter, prone to violence; never start trouble, but be ready to defend yourself if others do) (covetous = jealous)

⁴One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (Discipline your children so they will grow up right)

⁵(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) (The parents must be in charge of raising the children correctly, by God's commandments. Those who can't raise their own children well, are not qualified to lead a church)

⁶Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. (A novice does not have a good knowledge of the Word. He's driven by ego. You need a deep understanding of the scriptures before you can teach others)

⁷Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. (Should be well thought of by other people; live honorably, have dignity, be trustworthy, a good citizen to others)

⁸ Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; (double tongued = speaking out of both sides of his mouth. The truth is absolute. You can't please everyone. Some will accept it and others won't)

(Corrupt preachers preach "exclusivity" in order to increase the membership and the tithes <the money>. They allow perversion to enter their church and then preach acceptance. People who are contrary to God's Word need to be instructed and corrected. If they refuse, they should not be allowed in)

⁹ Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. Mathew-13:35-43 (The parable of the tares is a good example of the mystery of the faith) also see John-8:44

¹⁰ And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. (Their deeds will be their proof)

¹¹ Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. (They must have a good marriage, if they are married)

¹² Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

¹³ For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. (They can boldly speak out because they know what they're talking about)

¹⁴ These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:

¹⁵ But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. (A church that teaches the scriptures chapter by chapter, verse by verse; not one that teaches sermons written by preachers)

¹⁶ And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. (Jesus called himself the son of man because he was flesh. HE is not

the Son of God, as so many preachers teach. He was begotten from God through Mary - HE was God with us. HE was God in the flesh, sent here to teach us how to live right, and learn His Word) (One God - many offices - the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Melchizedek, the Angel of the lord, etc) Isaiah-7:14