

## 1 Timothy 3

King James Version (KJV)

(These verses are Paul's opinions and teachings based on his knowledge of the Bible. Paul was one of the greatest Bible teachers. But he was not a prophet)

**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 he is led of God)

<sup>2</sup>A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; (given to hospitality = compassionate to others) (apt to teach – qualified to teach)

(You have to know God's Word, including the deeper lessons, before you can teach. That takes many years of study under bible scholars. A bishop should be even more selfless than the priests that he or she serves)

NOTE: (Many preachers and bishops today have no idea what they are teaching. They make up their own doctrine and pass it off as God's Word. They cause souls to err in ignorance, and possibly die. Killing souls is far worse than killing bodies. God will hold them accountable for that)

EXAMPLES: (Celebrating Easter; rapture doctrine; treating women as lesser people not qualified to do God's work; blood sacrifices; and inclusion of sexual perversion as a lifestyle)

(Will these offenses send people to hell? We don't know, but they are definitely against God's plan for us. God calls them an abomination)

(We should all obey God's commandments and live by them before we try to teach others. If we sin <and we all do>, we need to repent, change our ways and be forgiven)

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

<sup>4</sup>One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (It's better to teach your children in an accepting and loving manner first. But discipline your children, if they need it, so that they will grow up right. It's called tough love. Use it only as a last resort)

<sup>5</sup>(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 even raise their own children well, are not qualified to lead a church)

<sup>6</sup>Not 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 God's Word. He's driven by ego)

(You need a deep understanding of the scriptures before you can teach others. That takes much time and study. Pride is the sin that caused Satan to fall)

<sup>7</sup>Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. (A preacher should be well thought of by other people. He or she must live honorably, have dignity, be trustworthy and be a good citizen to others)

<sup>8</sup>Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; (Deacons are helpers in the church; no drunks; no money grubbers)

(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)

NOTES: (Corrupt preachers teach "inclusivity" in order to increase the membership and the tithes <the money>. They allow perversion to enter their church and then preach acceptance. That is wrong)

(People who are contrary to God's Word need to be instructed and corrected. If they refuse, they should not be allowed into any church)  
see Romans-1:21-32

<sup>9</sup>Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. See Mathew-13:24-43 (The parable of the tares is a good example of the mystery of the faith)

Also see John-8:44, Genesis-3 (Know who the Kenites are and know their ancestry. They are the sons of Cain. He was the son of Satan and Eve)

(The Kenites, today, are the souls who sided with Satan; when he rebelled against God during the First Age) Revelation-12

<sup>10</sup>And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. (Their works will be their proof. Trust must be earned, not given)

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

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

<sup>13</sup>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. They understand the scriptures well)

<sup>14</sup>These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:

<sup>15</sup>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. It's not the ones that preach sermons written by preachers or bishops)

<sup>16</sup>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) Isaiah-7:14

NOTE: (There is only One God. HE has many offices – the Father <Creator>, Jesus <Savior, Messiah>, the Holy Spirit <Comforter>, Melchizedek <the man who walked with Abraham>, the Angel of the lord <God in angelic form>, etc. God is who and when He chooses to be. Time and space mean nothing to God. HE created them both; and He is in control of both)