

Divine Design For Leadership

1 Timothy 3:1-16

Biblical leadership is essential in the church

A. The Desire In Leadership (3:1)

1. The call of God (3:1)

a. From the Lord

Colossians 4:17

b. For the Lord

Ephesians 4:11-12

2. The commitment to God

a. For His glory

1 Peter 5:2-3

b. For His goals

Acts 20:28

Romans 12:8

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B. The Demands Of Leadership (3:2-13)

1. Pastor qualifications (3:2-7)

a. Exemplary character and conduct (vv 2-3)

Titus 1:7-8

b. Engaged in his family (vv 4-5)

c. Experienced in the faith (v 6)

2 Timothy 2:15

d. Esteemed by the community (v 7)

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B. The Demands Of Leadership (3:2-13) – continued

2. Deacon qualifications (3:8-13)

a. Their position and selection identified in the early church

Acts 6:1-7

b. Their character (v 8)

c. Their conscience (v 9)

d. Their commitment (v 10)

e. The conduct of their families (vv 11-12)

f. Their consequence (v 13)

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C. The Display of Leadership (3:14-16)

1. The motivation (3:14-15)

a. These instructions must be heard (v 14)

b. These instructions must be heeded (v 15)

1 Corinthians 14:40

2. The message (3:16)

Be All You Should Be
1 Timothy 4:1-16

We Need To Be Who God Wants Us To Be

I. Be Aware Of Deceptive Influences (4:1-5)

A. Beware of false spirits (4:1-2)

1 Timothy 4:1-2

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

I. Be Aware Of Deceptive Influences (4:1-5)

A. Beware of false spirits (4:1-2)

1. A divine warning (v 1)

John 16:13

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

1 Corinthians 2:13

Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

I. Be Aware Of Deceptive Influences (4:1-5)

A. Beware of false spirits (4:1-2) - continued

2. Deceitful worker (v 1)

2 Timothy 3;13

But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

3. Departed minds (v 2)

Titus 1:6

They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

I. Be Aware Of Deceptive Influences (4:1-5)

B. Beware of false statutes (4:3)

1 Timothy 4:3

Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

I. Be Aware Of Deceptive Influences (4:1-5)

B. Beware of false statutes (4:3)

1. That bring bondage

Galatians 4:9-10

9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.

I. Be Aware Of Deceptive Influences (4:1-5)

B. Beware of false statutes (4:3-4)

2. That belie belief

Colossians 2:20-21

20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not;

I. Be Aware Of Deceptive Influences (4:1-5)

C. Behold the blessings of God (4:4-5)

1 Timothy 4:4-5

4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

I. Be Aware Of Deceptive Influences (4:1-5)

C. Behold the blessings of God (4:4-5)

1. The way He creates them (v 4)

Genesis 1:31

And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

2. The way He consecrates them (v 5)

Acts 10:14-15

14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

II. Be Committed To Godliness (4:6-11)

A. Consume the truth (4:6)

1 Timothy 4:6

If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

II. Be Committed To Godliness (4:6-11)

A. Consume the truth (4:6)

1. The effort

Proverbs 4:7

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

2. The extent

2 Peter 1:3

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

II. Be Committed To Godliness (4:6-11)

B. Contend with your mind (4:7-9)

1. Avoid distraction (v 7)

1 Timothy 4:7

But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.

2. Advance desire for godliness (v 8)

1 Timothy 4:8

For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

3. Adhere to this principle (v 9)

1 Timothy 4:9

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation.

II. Be Committed To Godliness (4:6-11)

C. Convinced in hope (4:10-11)

1 Timothy 4:10-11

10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

11 These things command and teach.

II. Be Committed To Godliness (4:6-11)

C. Convinced in hope (4:10-11)

1. In the journey (v 10)

Romans 15:13

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

2. In Jesus (v 10)

Titus 2:13

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

II. Be Committed To Godliness (4:6-11)

C. Convinced in hope (4:10-11)

3. In judgment (v 11)

2 Corinthians 2:15

But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

1 Corinthians 11:31

For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

1 Corinthians 9:27

But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

III. Be An Example Of Faith (4:12-16)

A. In walk (4:12)

1 Timothy 4:12

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

1 Peter 5:3

Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock.

III. Be An Example Of Faith (4:12-16)

B. In the Word (4:13)

1 Timothy 4:13

Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

2 Timothy 2:15

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

III. Be An Example Of Faith (4:12-16)

C. In work (4;14)

1 Timothy 4:14

Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

D. In watching (4:15-16)

1 Timothy 4:15-16

15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

We Are What We Believe