



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 08/08/2021
DISCUSSION DATE: 08/15/2021
TEXT: 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7

Luke 6:40 "A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher."

I. *LIVING A LIFE THAT HONORS THE LORD.*

A. Christ-like Character Is Made Known By:

1. Being Above Reproach / Blameless – 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6-7
2. Being the Husband of One Wife – 1 Timothy 3:2.
3. Being Temperate / Sober-minded – 1 Timothy 3:2
4. Being Sober-minded / Thoughtful – 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8
5. Being Free from the Love of Money / Not Greedy (Covetous) – 1 Timothy 3:3
6. Being Gentle – 1 Timothy 3:3

7. Being of Good Reputation - 1 Timothy 3:7

8. Being a Good Steward, not Self-Willed – Titus 1:7

9. Being Just – Titus 1:8

10. Being HOLY – Titus 1:8

B. Christ-like Conduct Is Made Known By:

1. Good Behavior / being Well-Ordered – 1 Timothy 3:2.
2. Hospitality / showing Love to Strangers – 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:7-8
3. Not being Addicted to Wine / being Spirit Controlled not Controlled by spirits – 1 Timothy 3:2-3; Titus 1:7

4. **Not being known for Violent Outbursts / being Free from Emotional Manipulation – 1 Timothy 3:2-3; Titus 1:7**
5. **Peaceable / being Free from Deceptive Distractions – 1 Timothy 3:2-3; 2 Timothy 2:24.**

ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES

What does God want us to desire/value?	What does God want us to know?	What does God want us to do?
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1. **Monday: Read 1 Timothy 3:3; Philippians 4:5; Titus 3:1-2.** How do we let our gentleness be known - i.e. what does it look like to be gentle? What kind of circumstances test our gentleness? How/why can we be gentle when being treated harshly/unfairly?
2. **Tuesday: Read 1 Timothy 3:7; Titus 1:7; Matthew 6:9-10.** We know that the darkness hates the light, so how do we maintain a good reputation with an unsaved community? What snares are the devil using to destroy the credibility of Christians with our community? Why does stewardship require us not to be self-willed? What is the opposite of being self-willed? How does prayer relate to avoiding a self-willed life?
3. **Wednesday: Read 1 Titus 1:8; Romans 14:23.** What does being just demand in our daily living? How does being just relate to having a good reputation? What does holiness look like in our daily lives? How do we know if our actions are coming from faith?
4. **Thursday: Read 1 Titus 3:2; Galatians 5:23; Ephesians 5:15-16; Titus 1:7-8.** How do we know if our behavior is good? What does a well-ordered/organized life look like? How does this connect to the fruit of the Spirit? What kind of life style will be avoided when we growing in Christ-likeness? What does the practice of hospitality have to do with our spirituality? What should hospitality look like in our lives today?
5. **Friday: Read 1 Titus 3:2-3; 5:23; Titus 1:7; Proverbs 20:1; Ephesians 5:18.** Why did Paul have to tell Timothy to drink a little wine? What does this teach us about the proper use of alcohol? Why is drunkenness the opposite of being Spirit controlled? Since strong drink and drunkenness is always sinful, what is the right application of this principle?
6. **Saturday: Read 1 Timothy 3:2-3; Titus 1:7;** What circumstances tempt us to strike back at offenders with self-justified vengeance? How does the devil target our emotions to manipulate our sense of justice in order to get us angry over the injustice we have experienced? How does the Lord enable us to experience hurt and even betrayal and not strike back? What kind of deceptive distractions does the devil use to get us involved in meaningless quarrels? How do we maintain a peaceable disposition without compromising truth?