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Lesson #1 - The Meaning of Ministry

WHAT DOES IT MEANT TO BE A MINISTER?

“Diakoneo”:

Matt. 8:15; Mark 1:31; Luke 17:8; John 12:2; 2 Tim. 1:18, etc.

“Diakonia”:

1 Cor. 16:15; 2 Cor. 4:1,5:18, 6:3; Col. 4:17; Heb. 1:14, etc.

“Diakonos”:

Matt. 22:13; Mark 19:43; John 2:5; 2 Cor. 11:23; Eph. 6:21, etc.

GOD’S CHARACTERISTICS FOR MINISTERS 1 Timothy 3:8-13

1. _____

“... worthy of respect...” (NIV)
“... men of high principle” (NEB)

2. _____

“... not double-tongued...” (KJV/RSV)
“... sincere...” (NIV)
“... not indulging in double talk...” (NEB)

3. _____
“... not indulging in much wine...” (NIV)
“given neither to excessive drinking” (NEB)
“... they should be temperate...” (Ph)

Rom. 14:21, Eph. 5:18

4. _____
“not pursuing dishonest gain...” (NIV)
“not greedy for money...” (GN)

Application:

5. _____
“must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience...” (NIV)

Application:

6. _____
“... they must be first tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve...” (NIV)
“Let them serve a period of probation first...” (Ph)

7. _____
“Women likewise, must be worthy of respect...” (Amp)

“Gunaikes” – “women”, not “wives”
(NAS, NEB, RSV, ASV, Wey, NIV footnote)

8. _____
“... not malicious gossips, but self-controlled, and faithful in all things...” (NAS)
“... must be women of discretion and self-controlled, women who can be trusted...” (Ph)

(Paul repeats these for emphasis)

9. _____
“... the husband of one wife...” (NIV)
“... should be a faithful husband...” (TCNT)

Lit: “a one woman man”

Application: If you're married --

10. _____
“must manage his children and his household well” (NIV)
“They should have happy, obedient families” (LB)

THE RESULTS OF MEETING THESE REQUIREMENTS

“Those who have served will gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.”
1 Tim. 3:13 (NIV)

“... will be well-rewarded, both by respect from others and also by developing their own confidence and a bold trust in the Lord.” (LB)

“Those who do well... earn for themselves a certain legitimate standing as well as gaining confidence and freedom in the Christian faith.” (Ph)