

**"Qualities of a Godly Man"
(1 Timothy 3:1-7)**

The biblical qualifications for a pastor (and deacon) demonstrate the qualities God desires in all men who want to glorify Him. 1 Timothy 3 informs us that A Godly Man is...

- **Devoted** to His Wife (1 Pet 3:7)
"the husband of one wife"
- Spiritually **Alert** (2 Tim 4:5)
"vigilant"
- Humble and **Confident** (2 Cor 3:5)
"sober"
- Well **Organized** (1 Cor 14:40)
"good behavior"
- **Hospitable** (Heb 13:2)
"given to hospitality"
- Bible **Grounded** (2 Tim 2:24-25)
"apt to teach"
- Above **Reproach** (1 Thes 5:22)
"not given to wine"
- **Even** Tempered (Eph 4:26)
"no striker"
- A **Peacemaker** (Phil 2:3)
"not a brawler"

- **Gentle & Gracious** (Col 3:13)
"patient"
- Not **Greedy** (Mat 6:24)
"not covetous"
- A **Loving** Father (Eph 6:4)
"ruleth well his own house"
- Spiritually **Mature** (Ps 1:3)
"not a novice"
- **Well-Spoken Of** (1 Pet 2:12)
"a good report of them which are without"

Small Group Discussion Questions

Icebreaker – Share a brief story about your dad that had a positive impact on you.

1. What from this study challenged you, was a good reminder or raised a question?
2. Why does God have such high standards for church leaders? How do these qualities apply to all who want to glorify God?
3. What does it mean to be vigilant & sober-minded? Why are these so important for God's servants?
4. How are these 3 qualities similar - No Striker, Not a Brawler and Patient? Why are these so important to God?
5. Why is having a good testimony with unbelievers so important? (1 Tim 3:7) How can we witness boldly & still have their respect?

Digging Deeper – Rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 5 for each of the 14 qualities above. Identify your 3 weakest areas. Jot down things you can do this week to help grow in these areas. (For starters you can review the 3 definitions and memory verses each day!)