

Survey of the New Testament

“I & II Timothy and Titus: The Pastoral Epistles” – Part D

I. The man of God as a teacher and example.

A. The overseer is to be:

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| Above Reproach | Not Pugnacious - anger out of control. |
| Husband of one Wife | Not Contentious |
| Temperate | Gentle |
| Prudent | Free from the love of money. |
| Respectable | One who manages his household well. |
| Hospitable | A good reputation with those outside the church. |
| Able to Teach | |
| Not Given to Wine | Loves what is good. |
| Not Self-Willed | Just |
| Not Quick Tempered | Devout |
| | Not a new convert. |

B. Above reproach.

1. Blameless

a. Examples

b. People's descriptions

B. Honest questions to ask about yourself.

II. Morality and self-mastery.

1. Morality vs. self-mastery.

III. Morality

A. Husband of one wife.

1. Divorce?

2. Moral uprightness.

3. Key issue is moral purity.

a. Matthew 5:27-30

1. Pharisee view.

2. Jesus noted that adultery begins in the heart.

Job 31:1, 9-11

3. Verse 28 not a prohibition against eroticism.

4. Examples of extremism.

5. Joni Erikson Tada.

6. What is in view?

7. The eye as a gate way.

IV. The leader's self-mastery.

A. These qualities – sober minded, prudence, respectable – all under self-mastery.

1. Sober – handled in the last lesson.
2. Today – Prudence and respectability
3. Finally – Hospitality

B. Prudence

1. Quality of mind which is serious and earnest.

a. Comment in Romans

b. Paul's usage in Titus

1.

2.

3.

2. The prudent man

a. What he knows

C. Respectable

1. Physical, moral, and mental are all well-ordered.

a. 20th Century parable

b. *Kosmios*

2. Questions to ponder:

a. What about my external appearance? Does it measure up to what is considered proper both biblically and culturally?

b. What are my motives in relationship to what I wear? Am I merely attracting attention to myself or to the Lord Jesus Christ who lives within me?

c. What about the house I live in? Did I buy it to impress people, or did I buy it to glorify Jesus Christ?

d. What about my speech? Do I use words to build others up or to build up myself? Do I glorify God with my words, or do I glorify myself? And furthermore, is my speech becoming to a Christian? Does it adorn the doctrine of God?

e. What about my life-style in general? Does it reflect the life-style of Jesus Christ?

V. Hospitality

A. A virtue of the people of God

1. Leviticus 19:33-34
2. Christian hospitality

B. Key texts

C. Things to do

1. Look for opportunities to share your home with spiritual leaders: pastors, missionaries, and other Christian workers.
2. Look for opportunities to share your home with members of the Body of Christ.
3. Open your home to care groups, Bible studies, or other church activities.