

## INTRODUCTION

- A. **FINAL LETTERS: 1 TIMOTHY, TITUS, 2 TIMOTHY** (62-64AD; the *pastoral* letters)
- B. **AUTHORITATIVE: PRESCRIPTION VS. PREFERENCE** (*imperatives: order, charge, command*; see 11-16)
- C. **COMPREHENSIVE: PERSONAL LIFE & PROFESSIONAL WORK** (16)
- D. **CONCLUSION: A STANDARD FOR CHOOSING** (11-16, see 2Tim.3:16,17)
- E. **WARNING: A CONSUMING ZEAL** (12-16; see Ps.69:9=Jn.2:17; Ezk.3:14)

## **I. PERSONAL JOB PRESCRIPTION** (12; see 1 Tim.3:1-7; *person*)

- A. **MATURE AT WHATEVER AGE** (12; see Acts 16:1-3; 1Sam.2:18)
- B. **A PARTIAL LIST OF ATTRIBUTES** (12; see Gal.5:22f; Jms.3:17f)
  - 1. *speech: the hardest test* (12; see 3:8; Jms.3:2f; Eph.4:29,15)
  - 2. *conduct: whole manner of life beyond reproach* (12; see 3:2f,10; Tt.1:6f; see Rom.8:13; Mk.9:43f; Gal.6:8)
  - 3. *love: sacrificial service, including to critics* (12; see Phil.2:3f;19-24; 2Tm.2:24-26; Lk.6:35)
  - 4. *faith: active reliance upon Christ in all things* (12; see Phil.4:13,19 w/2:19f; 3:7f; see Acts 6:4; 2Tm.1:3)
  - 5. *purity: stainless behavior* (12; 3:2,10(1f); 5:2; 2Cor.11:2; see 2Tm.2:22; 1Jn.2:16; Mk.4:19)
- C. **RESULT: A PROTOTYPE** (12b; see 15; Tt.2:7; 1Pt.5:3; see Acts 16:1-3; 2Tm.1:5; 3:14f; see Phil.3:11f; 1Cor.11:1)
- D. **ABSOLUTE PREREQUISITE** (12f,16a; see Ezra 7:10; Mt.15:14)

## **II. PROFESSIONAL JOB PRESCRIPTION** (11, 13-16; *work*)

- A. **THE FORCE OF TRUTH & RIGHTEOUSNESS** (11; see 5:17; 1Th.1:5; Heb.4:12; see Ezk.3:27)
- B. **THE GOD-APPOINTED MEANS** (13)
  - 1. *the public reading of Scripture* (13; see Lk.4:16; Acts 13:15; 15:21; 2Cor.3:14; Neh.8:3f; 13:1)
  - 2. *the encouragement to believe & do it* (11,13; Mt.28:20; Ps.143:10; see Jer.38:20; see 2Tm.4:2,5)
  - 3. *the instruction for knowing and understanding it* (11,13,16; see 5:17; see Acts 6:2,4,7; Ezra 7:10; Neh.8:2,7,8,12)
- C. **THE SON-ACCOMPLISHED SOURCE AND EXAMPLE** (1:1,15; see 1Cor.11:1; 1Pt.2:21f; :see Lk.3:21-23 & 4:18 with 4:16-20; 4:18,21; 4:15,31 and 19:47)
- D. **THE SPIRIT-APPLIED EQUIPMENT** (14)
  - 1. *God's call and gifts go together* (14; Rm.11:29; eg. Lk.3:22&4:18; 1Sm10:1,6,10; 16:13/ Num27:18f; Acts6:3,5/ 2C3:5)
  - 2. *hands: designation of God's calling, promise of His gifts* (14; 2Tm.1:6f/ Num.27:18f; Acts 13:2,3)
  - 3. *prophetic utterance: a more explicit promise* (14; see 1:18)
  - 4. *note: Paul the Elder, Presbyter* (14; 2Tm.1:6; 1Pt.5:1; see Acts 16:1-3; 13:1-3; 14:19-23)

## **III. CHARACTERISTICS OF BOTH PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL PRESCRIPTIONS**

- A. **MANNER** (14-16)
  - 1. *not neglectful, careless, haphazard...* (14; see Mt.22:5; Heb.2:3; see Jn.10:13)
  - 2. *...but careful, diligent, practiced* (15; see 2Tm.2:2,15; 3:15-17; see 1Pt.5:7)
  - 3. *be in; immersed; marinating; absorbed* (15b; see Jer.23:18&22; 2 Cor.2:14f)
  - 4. *focused: painfully strenuous aim* (16a; see Acts 6:2; 19:22)
  - 5. *persevering: painfully strenuous endurance* (16b; see 2Tm.4:1-8; 1Cor.9:24-27)
- B. **IMMEDIATE PURPOSE & RESULT** (15)
  - 1. *evident progress: person (12) and work (15; see 13-16)*
  - 2. *note: progress is not perfection* (see Phil.3:8-16; also 1Tm.3:4,5; Tt.1:6 w/Is.1:2; 30:9; Ezk.16:32; Jn.7:24; Job)
  - 3. *objection: all the other work?!* (see Eph.4:11,12; 1Cor.12:4f; 1Pt.4:10,11; e.g., Rom.15:14)

## **IV. IMPORTANCE: THE PENULTIMATE PURPOSE & RESULT** (16b; see 1Cor.10:31)

- A. **THE WORK OF A PASTOR IS A MATTER OF ETERNAL LIFE OR ETERNAL DEATH BOTH FOR HIMSELF AND FOR THOSE HEARING (AND SEEING) HIM!** (16,12; Lk.6:39,40; see 2Tm.2:2; 3:14-17); **THEREFORE:**
- B. **PASTORS MUST PAY CLOSE ATTENTION!** (13-16)
  - 1. *to godliness in their persons* (12; 3:1f)
  - 2. *to teaching & preaching in their work* (16; 13-15; see Ezra 7:10; Ps.40:8; Acts 20:20,26,27; 2Tm.2:2; see Acts 6:4; Paul's letters, i.e., *prayer*)
- C. **THE CHURCH MUST PAY CLOSE ATTENTION!**
  - 1. *to what their Pastors do* (12; see 1Cor.11:1; 4:16,17; Phil.3:17,12f)
  - 2. *to what their Pastors teach & preach* (13-16; see Rom.10:17,16f with Mt.3:14,15; Ezk.33:6,4f; Heb.13:17; 1Th.5:12f)
- D. **PRAY FOR YOUR CURRENT & FUTURE PASTORS, THAT THEY WILL BE GRACED IN THEIR PERSONS, GIFTED IN THEIR WORK AND FAITHFUL IN ALL THINGS!** (12-16; 2Cor.2:16; 3:5,6; see 1Cor.3:6; see 1Th.5:25; 2Th.3:1; Eph.6:19; Heb.13:18)
- E. **CHOOSE YOUR NEXT PASTOR WISELY, ACCORDING TO THESE TRUTHS!** (12-16; see Ex.18:21f; Dt.1:13f; see Acts 6:3)