

MODELING the Call of Every Christian! 1 Timothy 3:1-13(NKJV)

This *is* a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work.

²A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;

³not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money,^[b] but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous;

⁴one who rules his own house well, having *his* children in submission with all reverence

⁵(for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?);

⁶not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the *same* condemnation as the devil.

⁷Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

⁸Likewise deacons *must be* reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money,

⁹holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.

¹⁰But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being *found* blameless.

¹¹Likewise, *their wives must be* reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things.

¹²Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling *their* children and their own houses well.

¹³For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.