



The Shepherds

Finding a Successor.

2 Kings 2 describes 3 tests for a successor in spiritual ministry:

1. A test of _____,
verses 1-8, 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21



(Genesis 5:24) "And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him."

(2 Timothy 2:2) "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."



2. A test of _____, verses 9-10

(John 3:34) "'For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure."

(John 3:34) "For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit." [paraphrase]

(Deuteronomy 21:17) "'But he shall acknowledge the son of the unloved wife as the firstborn by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his."

(Philippians 2:3) "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself."

(1 Timothy 3:1) "This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work."



3. A test of _____, verses 11-25

(1 Thessalonians 4:15-17) "For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. {16} For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. {17} Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."

(1 Corinthians 15:51-52) "Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed; {52} in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

(Proverbs 16:31) "The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, If it is found in the way of righteousness."

