

People

Self Check II

In the New Testament there are various checklists of characteristics of the mature servant of God. These characteristics can be grouped into 8 categories. Tonight we look at the second 3. Our reference will be 1 Timothy 3:

1. Behaviour, verses 1-2, 7

2. Hidden sins, verses 2-3, 8

3. Attitude, verse 2

4. R

(1 Peter 4:9) "Be hospitable to one another without grumbling."

• verses 2-3

(Matthew 11:29) ""Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

(Galatians 5:22-23) "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, {23} gentleness, self-control. ...'

(1 Corinthians 4:21) "What do you want? Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?"

(*Titus 3:2*) "to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men." (2 Timothy 2:24) "And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient."

(Titus 1:7) "For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quicktempered, ...,"

(1 Thessalonians 2:7-12) "But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. [8] So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. [9] For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God. [10] You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; {11} as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, {12} that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory."

(1 Thessalonians 2:8) "We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us." [paraphrase]

5. M _, verse 3

(Titus 1:7) "For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not selfwilled."

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6. F

(*Titus 1:6*) "if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination." (Titus 1:6) "An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient." [paraphrase]

