

## **D2 Phase 1 Character Qualities**



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### **Introduction**

#### **I. The purpose of this phase.**

- A. To study the specific qualities of Christ which a Christian should manifest in his character.
- B. To take the first steps toward maturity for ministry by preparing our lives to be the kind of person God wants us to be.

#### **II. The basis of the study.**

- A. There is only one reason God leaves us on the earth after we get saved, and that is to minister. You will discover your life has no purpose or meaning if you are not ministering.
- B. God does not use unprepared, ill-equipped, unclean vessels. Therefore, you cannot do what God calls you to do until you are the kind of person God claims you to be.
- C. The list of character qualities in the biblical text is the basis for ministry qualification. But more than that, it enables any Christian to raise themselves to the same level of reward as a pastor or deacon.
- D. You must recognize, you will never achieve perfection in any area. But consistent growth is the way to true spirituality (mortify the flesh and walk in the Spirit through faith, trust and an application of the crucified life).
- E. The man (or woman) of God is made through a lifetime process. There is no such thing as instant spirituality, and there should never be an end to your spiritual growth.
- F. This kind of growth in Christ is not based on special gifts or natural talents. It has to do with character, and is accessible by being like Christ.
- G. This lifestyle of Christlikeness should be the standard for all believers.
- H. When properly manifest, these qualities cause such a radical difference in your life, it will be unmistakable testimony to the loss of the grace and power of the Lord Jesus.

Join us now as we discover the qualities of Christlikeness!

## Phase 1 – Part 1

### The Character Qualities of a Man or Woman of God

Text: 1 Timothy 3:1-10; Titus 1:5-9

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#### I. Be Blameless – 1 Timothy 3:2,10; Titus 1:6-7

A. Definition – blameless is not sinless. Blame has to do with others justly accusing you of wrong.

B. This is the most important quality of all.

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C. First – Blameless before the Lord – Col 1:21-23; Eph 1:4, 1 The 5:23, 1 The 3:12-13, 1 Cor 1:7-8, 2 Pet 3:10-14

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D. Second – Blameless before Christians – 1 Thessalonians 2:10; Rom 14; 2 Cor 8:20-21

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E. Third – Blameless before the world – Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Pet 3:13-17, 4:1-5; Matt 26:59-61; John 2:18-22; Act 6:9-15

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**II. Be the “husband of one wife” – 1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:6, 1 Cor 7:1-5, Eph 5:21-33**

A. The principle is – total devotion to one mate. So this applies to both sexes.

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B. Being a husband of one wife means being a “one woman” man (or vice versa).

Eph 5:25-27, 1 Peter 3:7, Gen 3, Job 2:1-10, 1 Tim 2:14-15, Rom 15:1, 1 Thes 5:14,  
1 Pet 2:24

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C. Single people likewise need to develop in this area. 1 Tim 5:1-2, Job 31:1,

Pro 31:30/Psa 119:37, 113

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D. Beware of danger signals. 2 Sam 11:1-5, 1 Thes 5:22, 1 The 5:16-21

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E. There are classic Bible examples of failures: [to be the husband of one wife].

1 Kings 11:1-8, Judges 14-16, 2 Sam 11:1-5

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**III. Be Vigilant – 1 Timothy 3:2.**

A. Watchful is a good synonym. 2 Timothy 4:5; Ephesians 6:18; Eph 5:14, Rom 13:11-12

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B. Watchful for yourself. 1 Pet 5:8, Eph 6:18, Gen 39:7-12, Dan 1:8

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A. Watchful for those God has given you. Acts 20:28; Prov 27:23, 1 Sam 17:12-20

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D. Watchful of the Lord's return. 1 Thes 5:1-9, Rev 16:15, Mar 13:32-37

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**IV. Be Sober – 1 Timothy 3:2,11; Titus 1:8**

A. Definition – Temperate, or sensible. In control of your mind in all areas.

Vigilance in moderation because that will make you circumspect in life!

B. This applies to both men and women. 1 Tim 3:2, 1 Tim 3:11

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C. Sober and vigilant (watchful) are closely related. 1 Thes 5:6-9; 1 Pet 5:8

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B. Be sober/sensible in **2 key areas: lifestyle and in attitude**. 1 Corinthians 6:12, Phi 4:5, Rom 12:3; 1 Cor 8:2; 1 John 2:16

**Balance over boundaries will prevent us from limiting ourselves or God.**

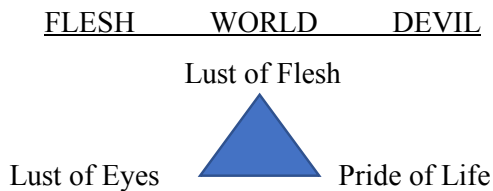
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E. Be sober/sensible in doctrine. Heb 13:9; Titus 2

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**V. Be of good behavior – 1 Timothy 3:2**

A. Strive for good behavior in your **own** life. 1 Thess 2:10; 2 Thess 3:6-13; 1 Pet 3:4; 1 Tim 6:11; 1 Pet 2:12-15; John 19:8-11; Rom 13:1-8; 1 Cor 13:1-8

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