

C. Patience is a developed character quality. Jas 1:2-4; 2 Cor 12:7-12

D. Patience is a requirement for those who minister God’s word and lead
2 Cor 6:4-10

E. Patience is illustrated many times in the Bible. Psa 40:1-3; Exod 14:13-14

XII. Not a brawler – 1 Timothy 3:3

A. Definition – A brawler is one who seeks contention, and relishes a quarrel, rather than keeping peace.

B. How to recognize the causes of brawling. James 3:14-17, 1 Sam 18:5-9, Acts 19:23-24, Eph 4:31, Heb 12:14-15, Pro 13:10

C. How to keep from brawling. Eph 4:1-3, 1 Cor 12:20-27, Mat 23:11, 20:24-28, Rom 12:18, 1 Pet 3:10-13, 2 Tim 2:12-26, 1 Tim 6:3-5, Titus 3:9-11

XIII. Not Covetous – 1 Timothy 3:3

A. Covetousness is defined as idolatry in Colossians 3:5, Ephesians 5:3-7, Rev 2:5

B. Covetousness goes much farther then greedy of filthy lucre. Exod 20:17, Rom 13:9, Luke 12:15

C. Covetousness is the root cause of most sin. 1 Tim 6:10, Josh 7:19-21, 2 Pet 2:1-3, Rom 7:7-8

D. Covetousness can become a lifestyle, if it is not controlled. Micah 2:1-3, Pro 21:25-26, Heb 13:5, Mat 5:27-28, 2 Pet 2:14, Prov 27:20, Job 31:1, Prov 31:30 / Psa 119:37, 113

XIV. Ruleth well his own house – 1 Timothy 3:4-5, Titus 1:6

A. The major principle is to insert your family first into ministry. 1 Tim 3:5; 5:8

B. This principle applies to male and female alike. Titus 2:1-5, 1 Tim 5:2-3, 14-15, Prov 31:10-31, Eph 6:4, Col 3:21

C. This principle needs clarification. Gal 4:1-2

D. This principle can be illustrated by several examples: 1 Sam 3:11-14, Gen 19:12-14, 1 King 1:5-6, Job 1:1-5

XV. Not a novice – 1 Timothy 3:6

A. A novice is someone in a position of leadership before they are qualified by experience

B. A novice has a special danger: pride. 1 Sam 14:33, 15:30, 1 Cor 3:1-3

C. A novice cannot develop these character qualities overnight or by going to school, because they must be lived daily. 1 Tim 3:1-13

XVI. A good report of them which are without – 1 Timothy 3:7

A. The man of God must have a good testimony toward the lost world. 1 Cor 10:31-33, 1 Pet 2:12-15, 2 Cor 6:1-3, 1 Thes 4:11-12, 1 Tim 4:12-15, Col 4:5-6, 1 Pet 3:13-17

B. Test yourself

XVII. Not self-willed – Titus 1:7

A. Definition – One who has to have things done his or her way, because they are suborn or arrogant. They are in it for their own self-interest. One who is not self-willed wants things done God’s will and God’s way. 2 Pet 2:10, 2 Tim 2:24-26

B. This is a special danger for the man or woman of God. 1 Pet 5:1-6, Jas 3:1, Eccl 8:9

C. This principle has practical applications. Rom 10:1-4, Phil 2:3-4, 1 Cor 10:24,
Phi 2:19-21

D. This principle has the purpose of giving God the glory rather than ourselves. 2 Cor 4:5-7,
Col 1:18

XVIII. Not soon angry. Titus 1:7

A. Definition – A person who is not quick-tempered, not prone to anger; a person who,
when angry for a just cause, does not harbor resentment

B. Anger is not always sin. There is a proper biblical anger.
Psa 7:11, Matt 5:22, Mar 3:5, Eph 4:26

C. Anger is sin when: Eph 4:26-27, Rom 6:6-11, Col 3:1-4

D. Anger is caused by: Rom 8:31-39, Phil 4:19, Prov 22:24-25, Gal 5:19-21

E. Anger results in: Pro 25:28, Rom 12:17-21, Heb 12:15-17
