

# “A Good Pastor”

## I Timothy 4

This chapter begins with Paul identifying the condition of the church “in later times” he says, “some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons.” He then gives young Pastor Timothy (and us) some defenses against these conditions. A good Pastor will faithfully LEAD the church in the defense.

- I. A good Pastor will be a SERVANT LEADER (v. 6b)
  - A. He will be a BIBLICAL LEADER (v. 6)
  - B. He will be a DISCIPLINED LEADER (vv. 7-8)
  - C. He will be a CONFIDENT LEADER (v. 10)
- II. A good Pastor will be an EXEMPLARY LEADER (v. 12)  
(five exemplary characteristics of a godly Pastor)
  - A. He is an example in WHAT HE SAYS (“in speech”)
    - Psalm 19:14
  - B. He is an example in HOW HE ACTS (“in conduct”)
    - Joshua 1:8
  - C. He is an example in HOW HE LOVES (“in love”)
    - Matthew 22:37-39
  - D. He is an example in HOW TO BELIEVE (“in faith”)
    - Acts 16:31, Jude 1:3
  - E. He is an example in HOLY LIVING (“in purity”)
    - Romans 6:12-14
- III. A good Pastor will be a PUBLIC LEADER (vv. 13-16)
  - A. Involves the PUBLIC READING OF SCRIPTURE (v.13b)
  - B. Involves the POWERFUL PREACHING OF SCRIPTURE (v.13c)
  - C. Involves the POSITIVE TEACHING OF SCRIPTURE (v.13d)
  - D. Involves the PERSISTENT DEVOTION TO SERVICE (vv.15-16)

The overriding goal of the Pastor and his ministry is to “ensure salvation both for yourself and those who hear you” (v. 16b). With this kind of Pastor the church can be the church that God planned from the beginning.