

# HOW TO RECOGNIZE A SPIRITUAL LEADER

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-13

- So much has been written about the subject of leadership, but you won't find a greater handbook on leadership than God's Word.
- Just as every business or workplace needs strong leaders, God's \_\_\_\_\_ is no different.
- What is leadership in the spiritual realm? Leadership is spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ that others can examine and follow.
- *"Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation."* **Hebrews 13:7**
- Spiritual maturity begins from \_\_\_\_\_, but it always evidences itself externally to others within the church.
- Let's examine two characteristics of spiritual maturity that should be seen by fellow believers:

**A leader's \_\_\_\_\_ is exemplary.**

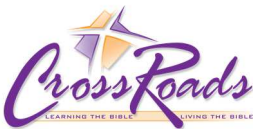
- *"Blameless"* (vs. 2, 10) – This doesn't mean sinless, but carries the idea of "unrebukeable."
- *"Vigilant"* and "*\_\_\_\_\_*" (vs. 2, 11, 13) – Spiritual leaders are on their toes spiritually. Therefore they make \_\_\_\_\_ decisions, even under unexpected pressure.

- “*Given to hospitality*” (vs. 2) – You love \_\_\_\_\_, and it shows.
- “*Apt to \_\_\_\_\_*” (vs. 2) – Helping people to grow in Christ and become all that they can be in Christ.

**A leader possesses an inner \_\_\_\_\_ that is obvious.**

- “*Not given to wine*” (vs. 3, 8) – The leader for God has the peace of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ and doesn’t have to look to any substance for a relaxed peace.
- “*No striker*” (vs. 3) – When the leader for God is done wrong by someone else, his first reaction is not to \_\_\_\_\_ back.
- “*Not greedy of filthy lucre... covetous*” (vs. 3, 8) – The peace of God within \_\_\_\_\_ him from the entanglement of materialism.
- “*Patient, not a brawler*” (vs. 3)
- “*Not \_\_\_\_\_-tongued... not slanderers*” (vs. 8, 11) – People that lack inner peace find it necessary to constantly criticize other people.

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