

“A church leader is a manager of God’s household, so he must live a blameless life. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered; he must not be a heavy drinker, violent, or dishonest with money. Rather, he must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must love what is good. He must live wisely and be just. He must live a devout and disciplined life. He must have a strong belief in the trustworthy message he was taught; then he will be able to encourage others with wholesome teaching and show those who oppose it where they are wrong.” Titus 1:7-9 NLT

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listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

Basically, my ministry description. I am a manager of God’s household. Character traits: blameless, humble, patient, sober, calm, honest, hospitable, love goodness, wise, just, devoted and disciplined. Believe in what he was taught so that he can teach others and stand up to Bible bullies when they are wrong. There it is, a pastor’s job description. If I was just starting out, which one would I focus on first? My inner life. My inner struggles of inadequacy and lack of discipline- I would work on my mouth and my quiet, devotional time with God.

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pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

I don’t think anyone walked me through this specifically, it was just expected that I know it. But I didn’t know it. The only thing I knew is that I was young and intimidated by those older than me. I followed others like a puppy dog. I wanted to learn so badly, so quickly. I wanted a mentor to help me, teach me and even discipline me. That never happened. I had to pickup traits as I saw them lived out in those I admired. Paul mentored Titus. Help me humbly mentor those around me.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root