**1 Timothy**

The “Musts” of a Pastor – Part IV

1 Timothy 3:6-7

Not a Novice

* Do the Job Before It’s Yours (Austin Gardner)
  + And moreover in time past, even when Saul was king, thou *wast* he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler over my people Israel. (1 Chron 11:2)
    - Start serving now
    - Let people see you doing the work
    - Wait for God to open the doors and make it clear when you are to do things
* Issue: Pride
  + 11 ¶ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone *was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. 14 Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee *so*: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. (Ezekiel 28:11-15)
  + 12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. 16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, *and* consider thee, *saying, Is* this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; 17 *That* made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; *that* opened not the house of his prisoners? (Isaiah 14:12-17)

Have a Good Report from the Outside

* Reputation
  + A *good* name *is* rather to be chosen than great riches, *and* loving favour rather than silver and gold. (Prov 22:1)
  + A good name *is* better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one’s birth. (Eccl 7:1)
  + For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written. (Romans 2:24)
  + Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. (Colossians 4:5)
* False accusation
  + And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove. (Acts 25:7)
  + Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. (1 Pet 3:16)
* Issue: Falling Into Reproach and the Snare of the Devil
  + Reproach – shame or disgrace or that which brings rebuke