

Handout 1—Class 11

Key Areas of Example and Reputation

1. Blamelessness or Being Above Reproach:

Titus 1 :6—Elders are to be blameless

v.7—Must be blameless, not self-willed, patient, not known for drinking alcohol, not violent, not greedy for money...

Luke 1:6—John the Baptist’s parents were both righteous before God and blameless

1 Cor 1:8—We are to be blameless in the Day of the Lord

Phil 2:14-15—Do all things without complaining that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God, in this perverse generation

I Tim 4:7—Widows worthy of church assistance are to be blameless

2. Full of the Holy Spirit, Wisdom and Faith:

Deut 34:9—Joshua was full of the spirit of wisdom

Acts 6:3—Deacons were full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom

v. 5—Stephen was full of faith and the Holy Spirit

Acts 11:24—Barnabas was full of faith and the Holy Spirit

3. Marriage and Family Example:

Deut 4:9-10—Parents are to teach children and grandchildren the ways of God

I Tim 3:2-5. 12—Elders and deacons are to be husbands of one wife, ruling their children and houses well

Col 3:19. 21—Husbands are to love their wives! fathers are not to provoke children to discouragement

2 Tim 1:5 — Paul and others knew the reputation of Timothy’s faithful family

4. Reputation/Example of a Servant:

Luke 22:24-27—We are not to “lord it over” others, like the Gentiles did

Titus 1 :8—A bishop/minister is not to be “self-willed”

I Tim 3:6, 10—Ministers and deacons should not be puffed up with pride and not new in the church

5. Reputation/Example of Spiritual Stability:

2 Tim 3:14—*Continue* in the things which you have learned and been assured of...

Titus 1:8-9—A minister is to be... hospitable, a lover of good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, **holding fast the faithful word** as he has been taught...

1 Cor 15:58—Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the Work of the Lord

2 Thes 2:15 — Hold fast to the traditions which you were taught

2 Tim 1:13—Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me...