

## 1 Timothy 3:1-7: What Does a Man Need to Be to Become a Pastor? Part 7: Devilish Dangers for Potential Pastors (1 Timothy 3:7) – Part 1

<sup>6</sup> not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the *same* condemnation as the devil. <sup>7</sup> Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

### Initial Observation – Three Repeated Concepts

#### A. A Repeated Condition: “in order that might \_\_\_\_\_”

*These two requirements / restrictions are given to prevent these dangers, and assume that the men being evaluated have not fallen to these dangers already.*

#### B. A Repeated Action: “he might \_\_\_\_\_” (the danger)

*This repeated term indicates that these dangers happen to men without their active participation. The dangers are not something men set out to make happen, but something that happens to them.*

- Luke 6:39 And He spoke a parable to them: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch?
- 1 Tim 6:9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

#### C. A Repeated Actor: “of the \_\_\_\_\_” (the measure)

*These dangers are related to the arch enemy of God. Ignoring these warnings allows us to be just like the devil in his rebellion, or fall victim to his traps.*

- Eph 4:27 nor give place to the devil.
- Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- 1 Pet 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.
- Rev 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

### Danger #1 – Blinding \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. What a Potential Pastor Cannot Be: A Recent \_\_\_\_\_

*“not a novice” – νεόφυτον – neophuton – lit. new plant or newly planted*

#### B. Why a Potential Pastor Cannot Be: Resulting \_\_\_\_\_

*“in order that he might not, being wrapped in smoke (τυφωθεῖς – tuphotheis)” (τύφος, smoke; pride)*

***An overestimation of one's position and ability, which leads one to rest in one's own abilities, and to forget the Giver of those abilities and the purpose of those abilities.***

- 1 Tim 6:4 **he is proud** (τετύφωται – *tetuphotai* – he has been made proud – perfect), knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions,
- 2 Tim 3:4 traitors, headstrong, **haughty** (τετυφωμένοι – *tetuphomenoi* – made proud [ones]), lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

#### C. What Happens When This Is Ignored: Required \_\_\_\_\_

*“he fall into the [same] condemnation as the devil.”*

Isa 14:12-15 "How you are **fallen** from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! <sup>13</sup> For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' <sup>15</sup> Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

Ps 25:9 The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way.

Ps 101:5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, Him I will destroy; The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, Him I will not endure.

Prov 6:16-18 These six *things* the LORD hates, Yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him: <sup>17</sup> A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup> A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil,

Prov 8:13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

Prov 11:2 When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble *is* wisdom.

Prov 16:5 Everyone proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD; *Though they join* forces, none will go unpunished.

Prov 16:18 Pride *goes* before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

Prov 29:23 A man's pride will bring him low, But the humble in spirit will retain honor.

James 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Matt 23:11-12 "But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. <sup>12</sup> "And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

#### D. What Safety Measures Can We Adopt?

##### (1) \_\_\_\_\_ advancement, based upon thorough evaluation

1 Tim 5:22 Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure. (cf. 4:14; Acts 6:6; 2 Tim 1:6)

##### (2) Sufficient \_\_\_\_\_ (reflected in the term “ \_\_\_\_\_”)

##### (3) Spiritual maturity over \_\_\_\_\_

But those new to the faith cannot have the necessary spiritual maturity which church leadership requires. Though a recent convert may be adept in finances or business management, for church leadership there is a more fundamental requirement—the spiritual depth of the individual that can only develop persistently and faithfully over time. (Larson, K)