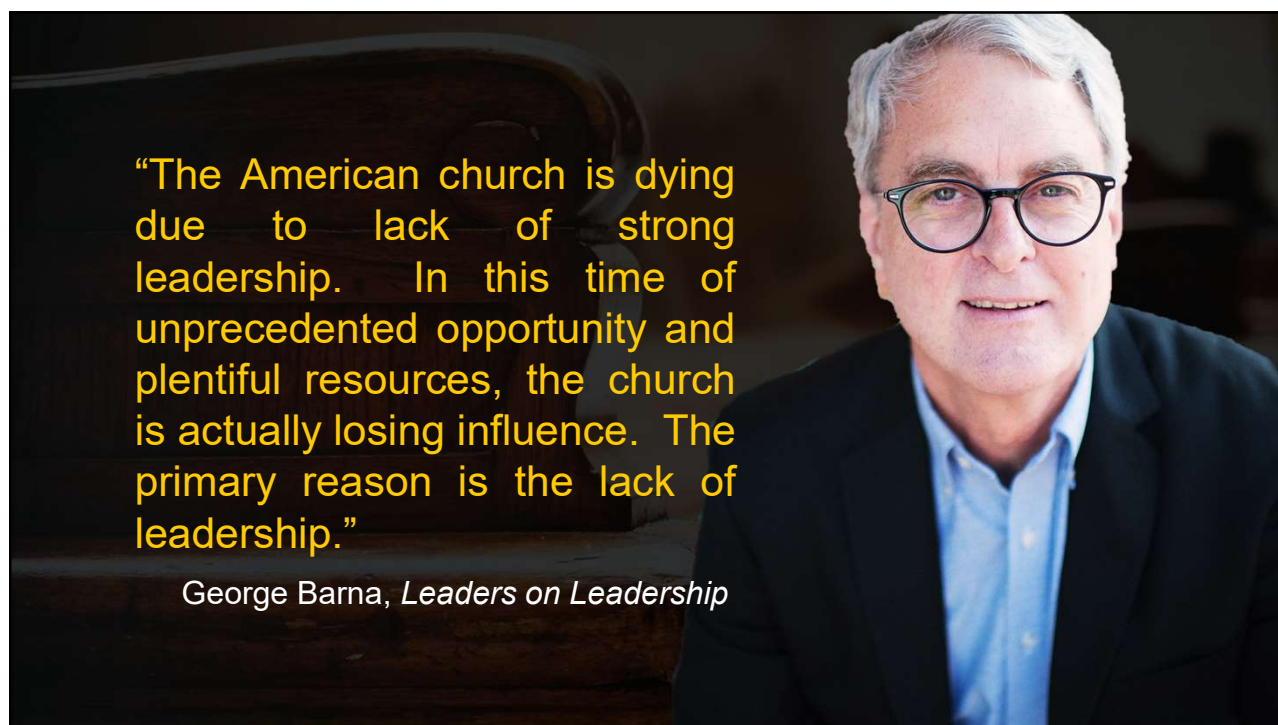
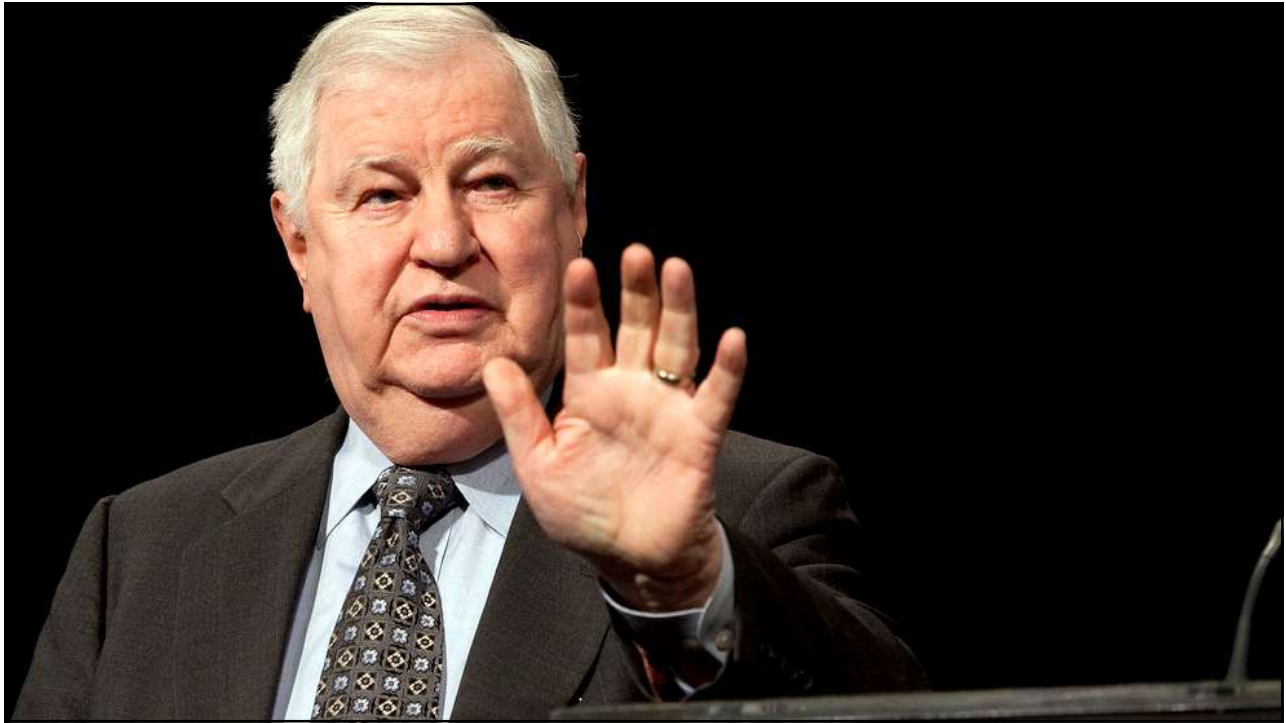




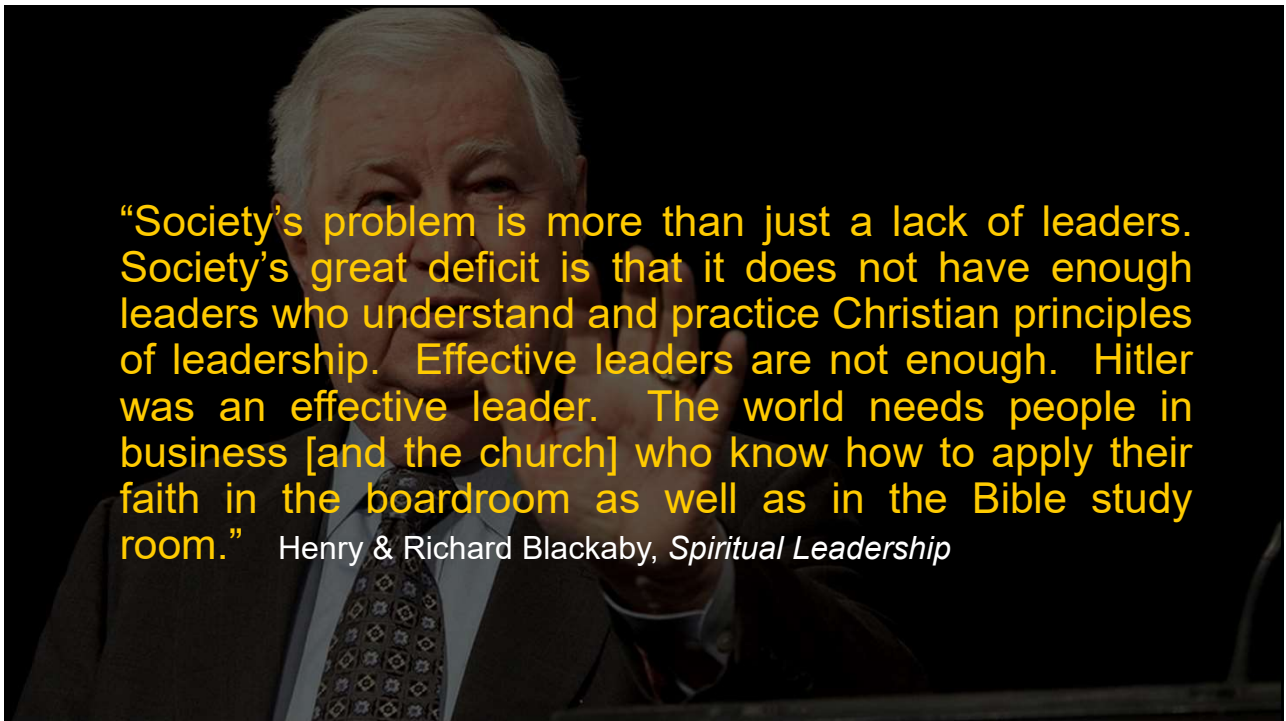
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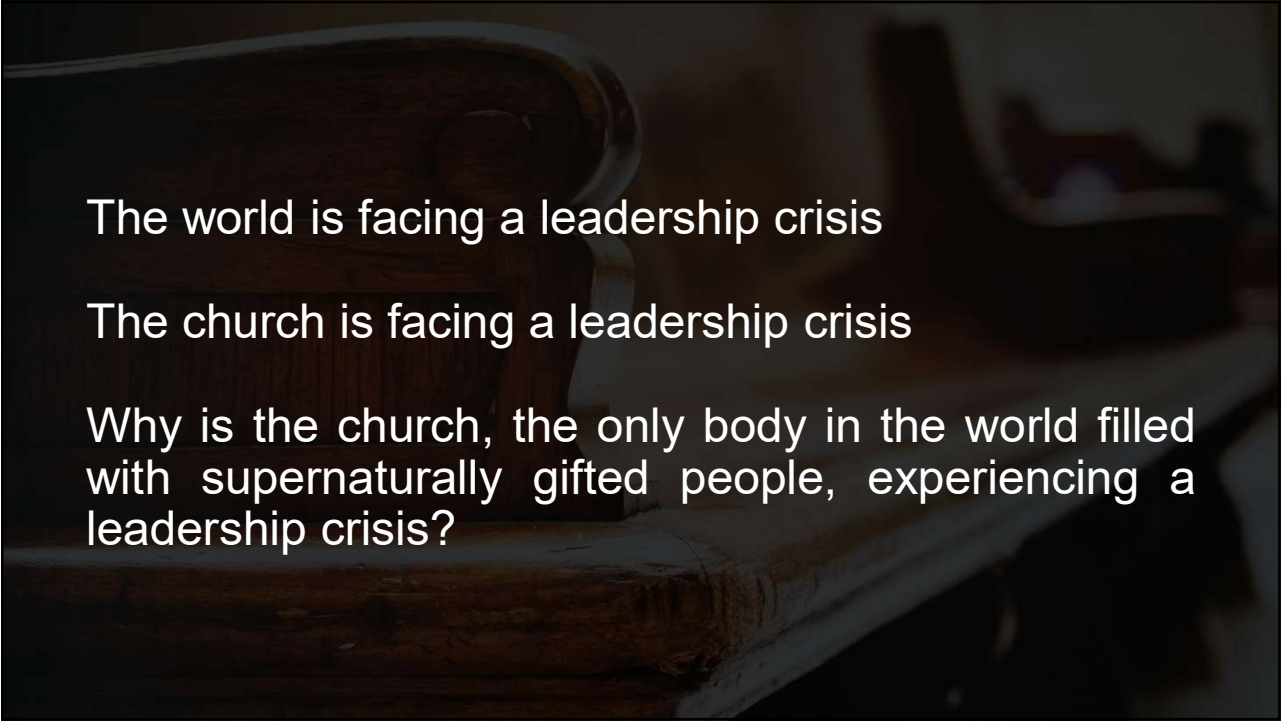
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The world is facing a leadership crisis

The church is facing a leadership crisis

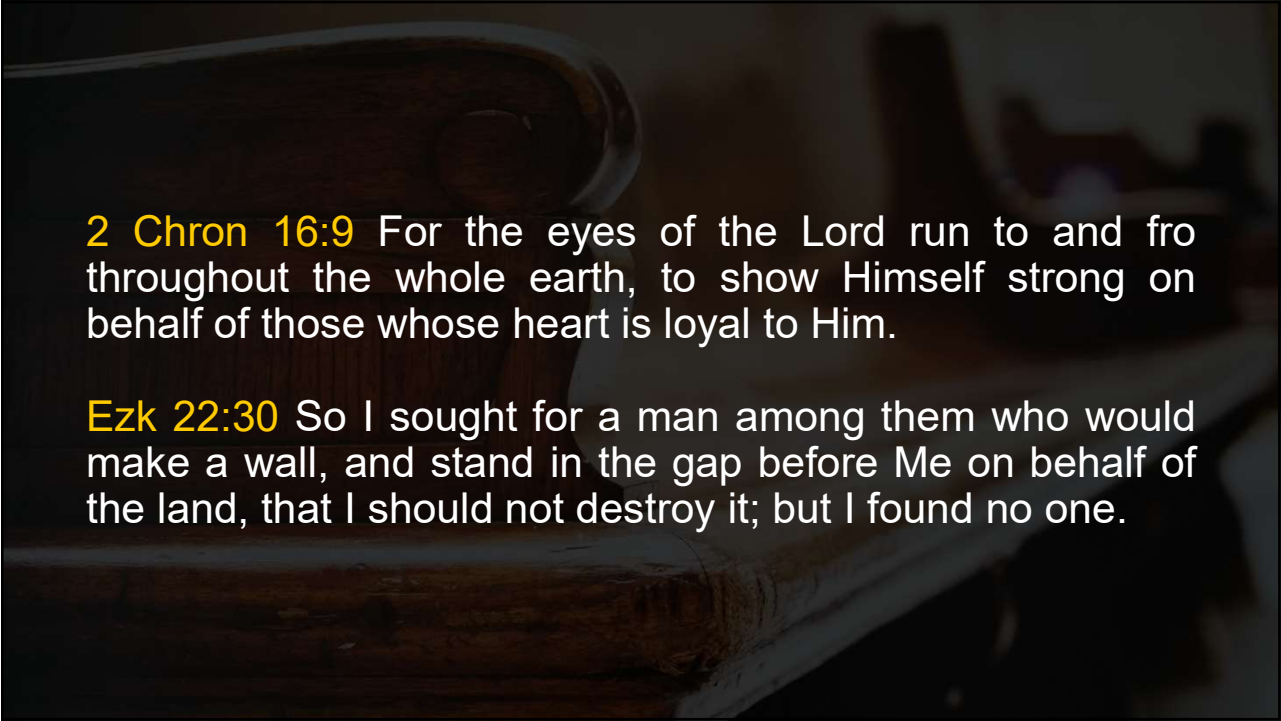
Why is the church, the only body in the world filled with supernaturally gifted people, experiencing a leadership crisis?

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We are experiencing a famine of
servant leaders!

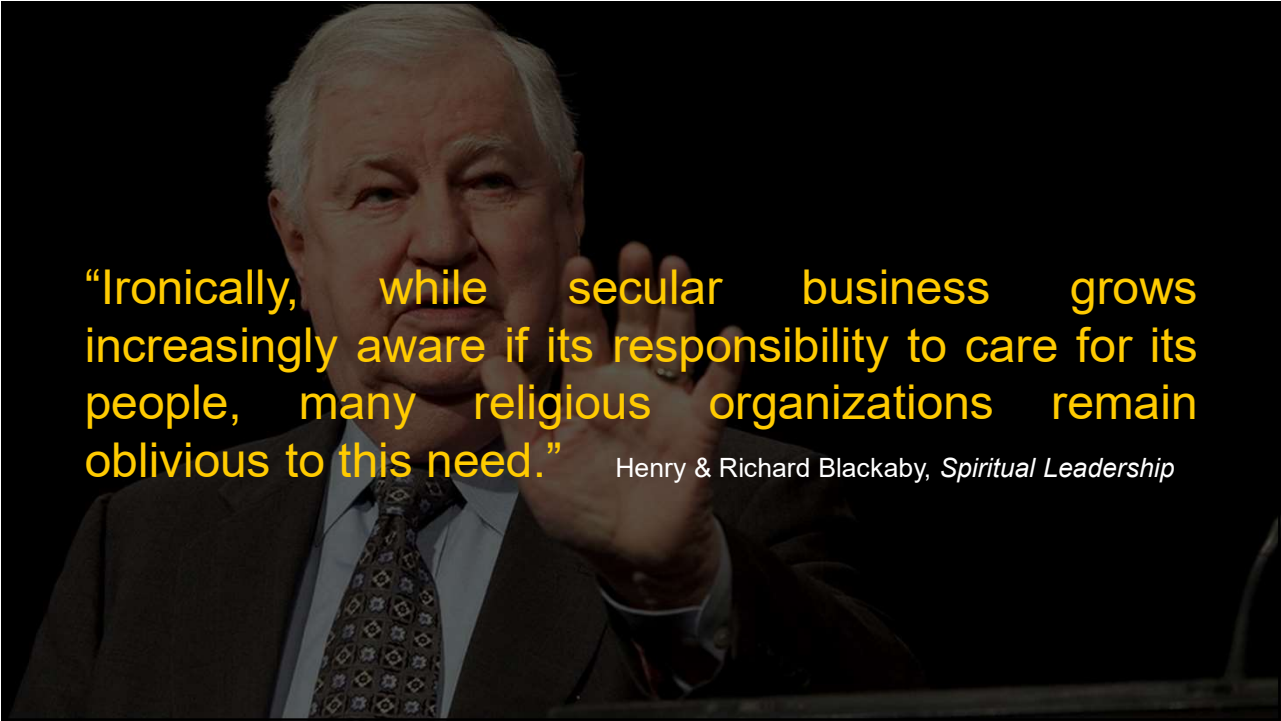
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2 Chron 16:9 For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.

Ezk 22:30 So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.

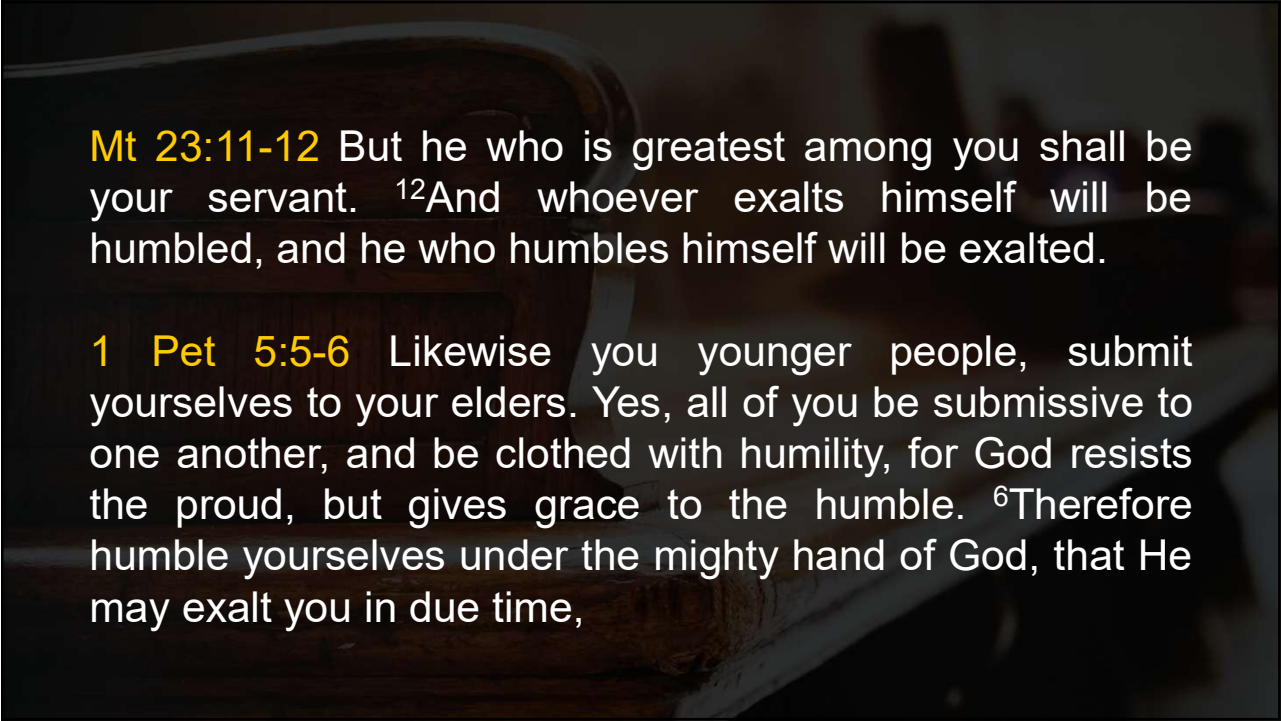
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“Ironically, while secular business grows increasingly aware of its responsibility to care for its people, many religious organizations remain oblivious to this need.”

Henry & Richard Blackaby, *Spiritual Leadership*


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Mt 23:11-12 But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. ¹²And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

1 Pet 5:5-6 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. ⁶Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

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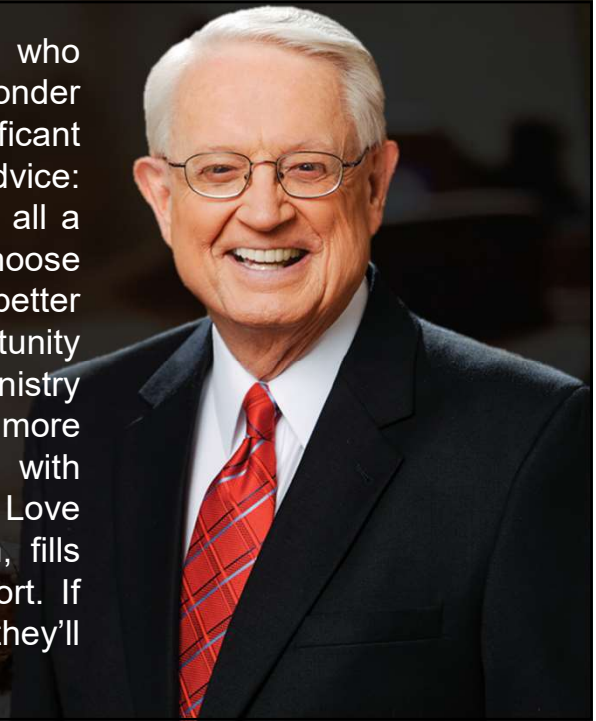


In God's Kingdom:

- The only way up is down
- Selfish ambition retards advancement
- Selfless ambition accelerates advancement

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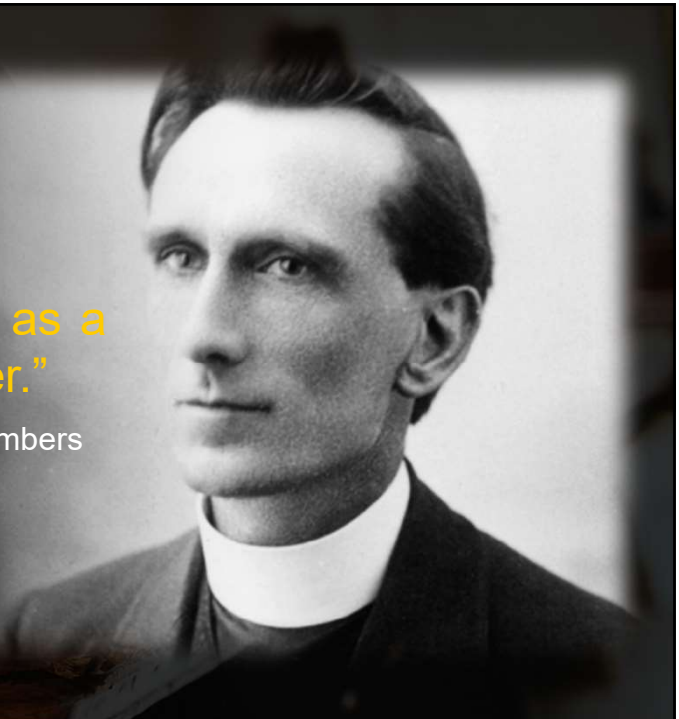
"I'm grieved by strong leaders who consistently walk over people. We wonder how people like that make it into significant places of influence. Here's some free advice: If you don't enjoy people, please, do us all a favor, don't go into leadership. Choose another career stream. Everyone will be better off. Say no when you're offered an opportunity to lead. Neither the world nor the ministry needs more bosses. Both need more leaders—servant-hearted souls to lead with sensitivity and affection toward others. Love and affection, when appropriately given, fills the gap when words alone fail to comfort. If people know you love and value them, they'll go to the wire for you." Chuck Swindoll



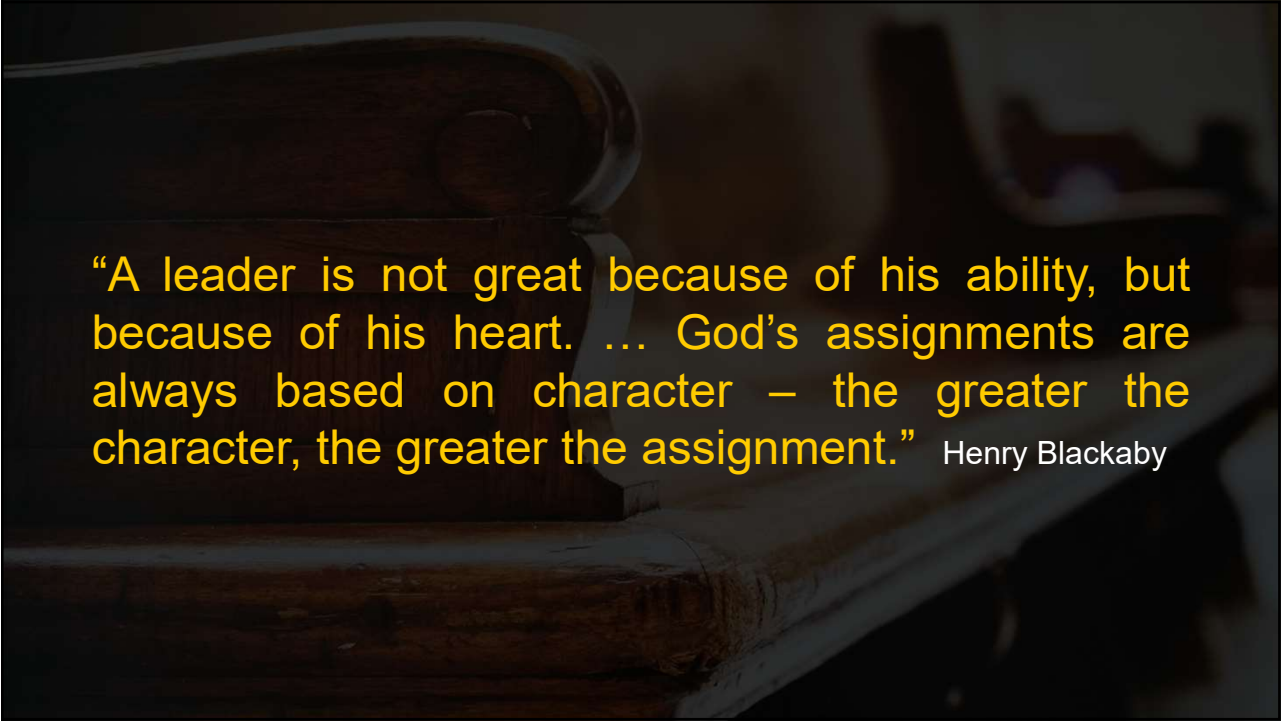
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"There is no such thing as a
self-made spiritual leader."

Oswald Chambers

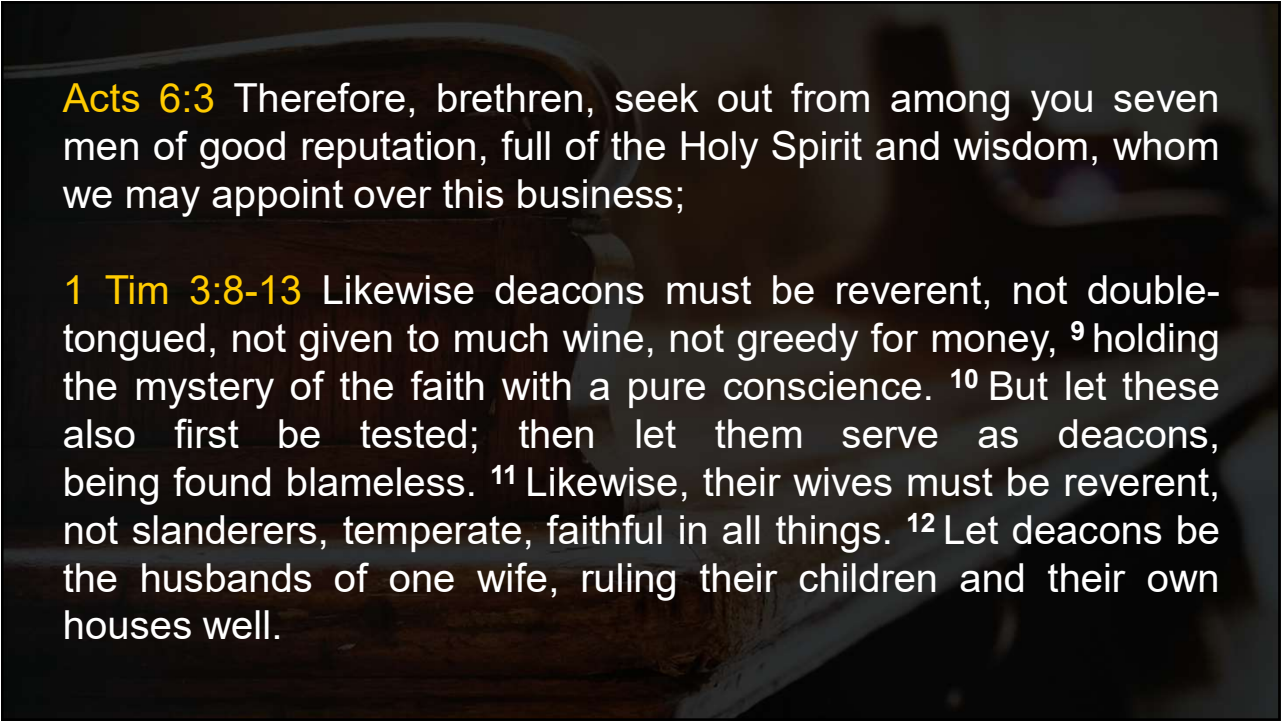


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“A leader is not great because of his ability, but because of his heart. ... God’s assignments are always based on character – the greater the character, the greater the assignment.” Henry Blackaby

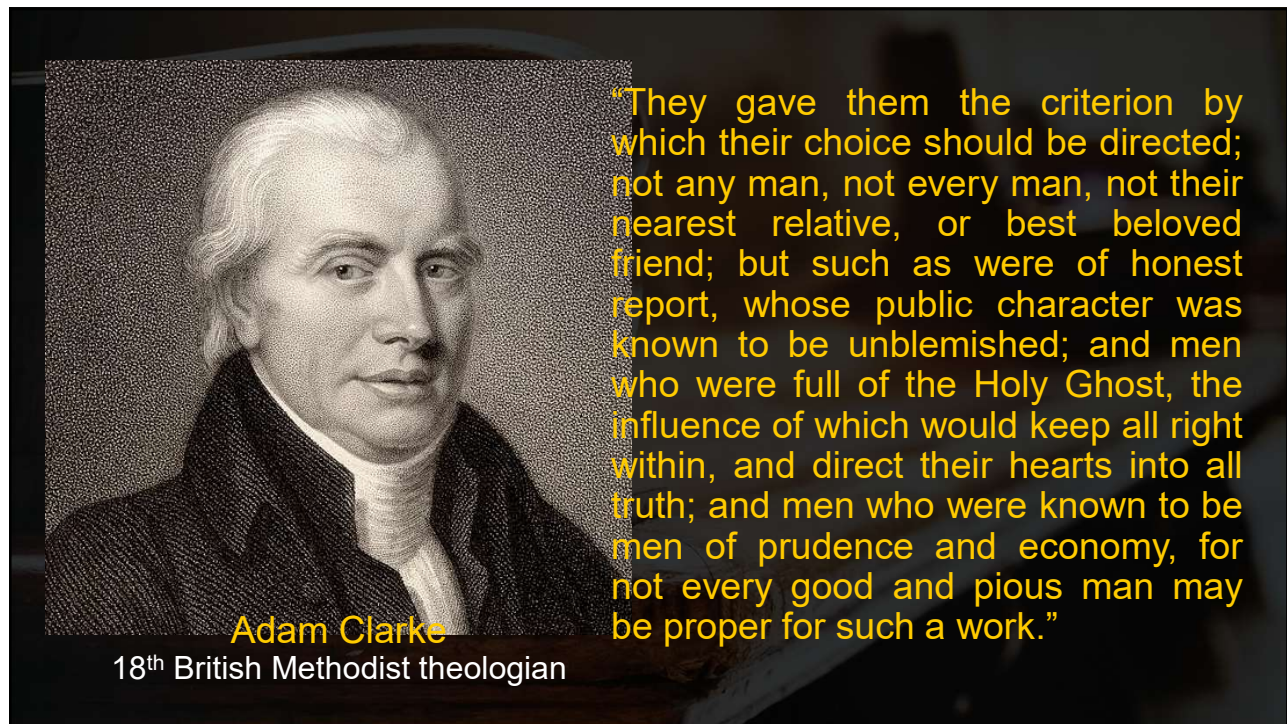
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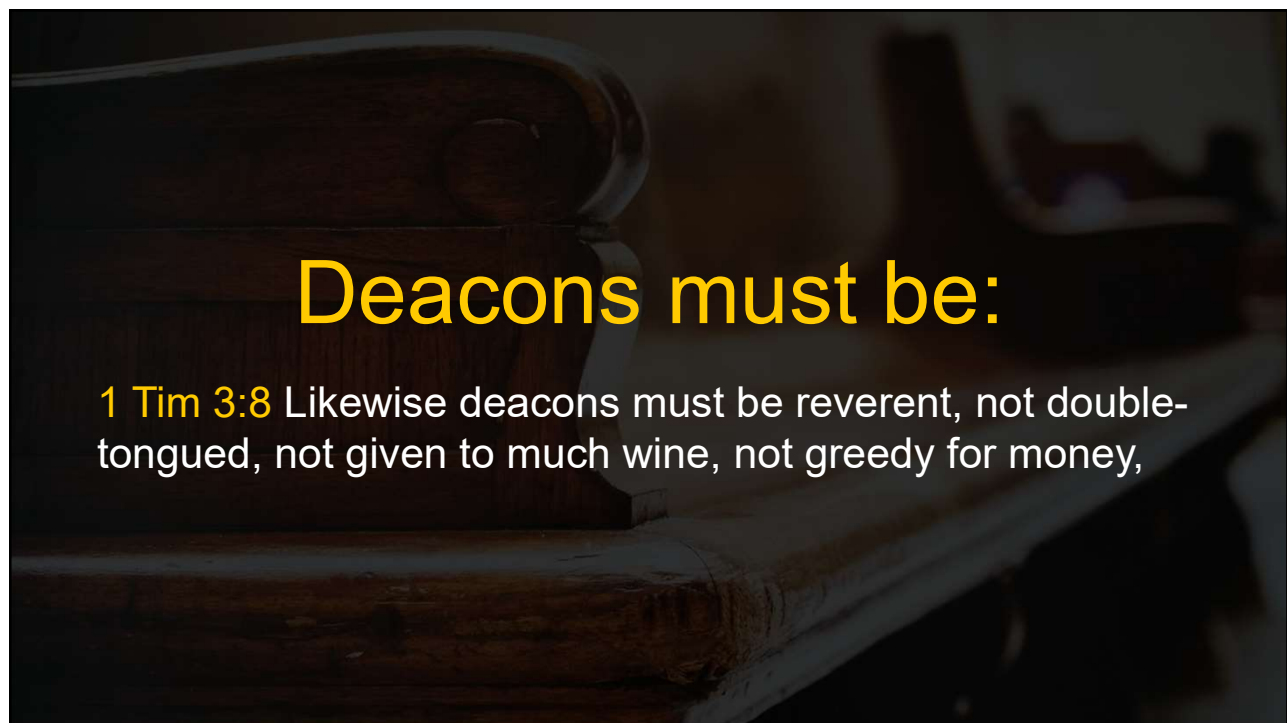
Acts 6:3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;

1 Tim 3:8-13 Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, ⁹ holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. ¹⁰ But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless. ¹¹ Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. ¹² Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

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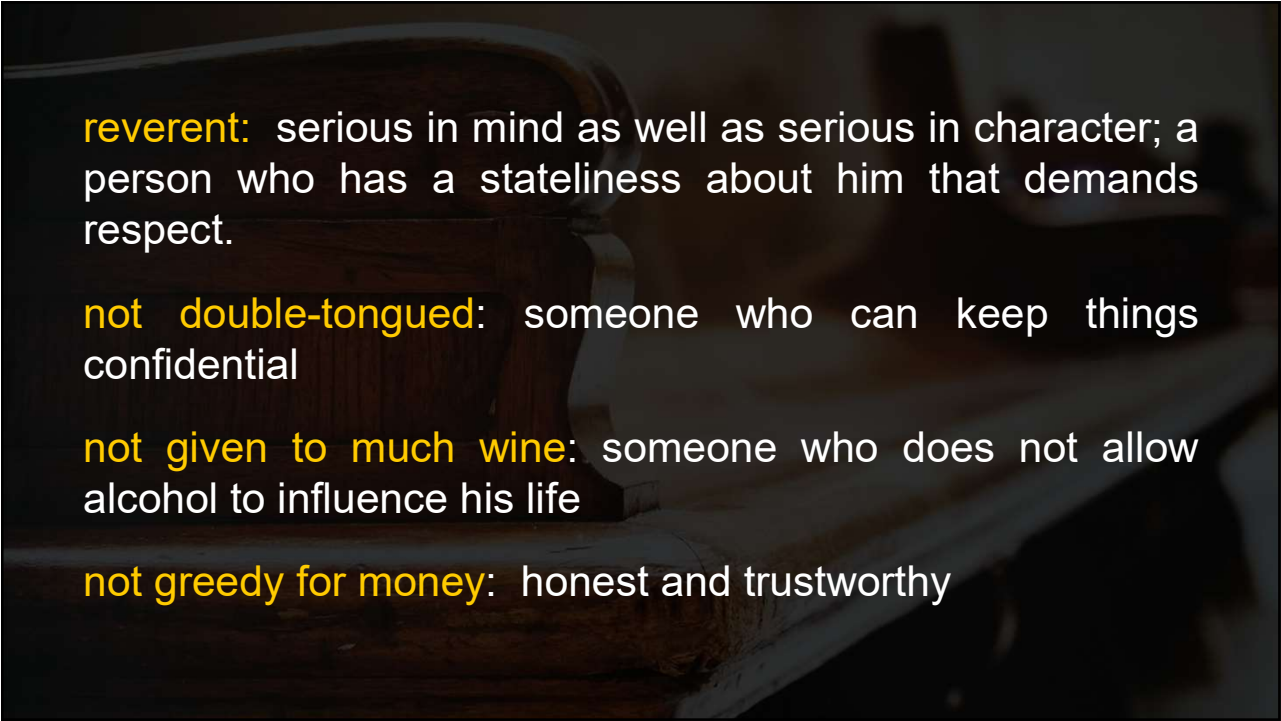


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1. Morally upright

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reverent: serious in mind as well as serious in character; a person who has a stateliness about him that demands respect.

not double-tongued: someone who can keep things confidential

not given to much wine: someone who does not allow alcohol to influence his life

not greedy for money: honest and trustworthy

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According to Acts 6:3, they must also:

- have a good reputation
- be Spirit-filled
- have godly wisdom

Eph 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

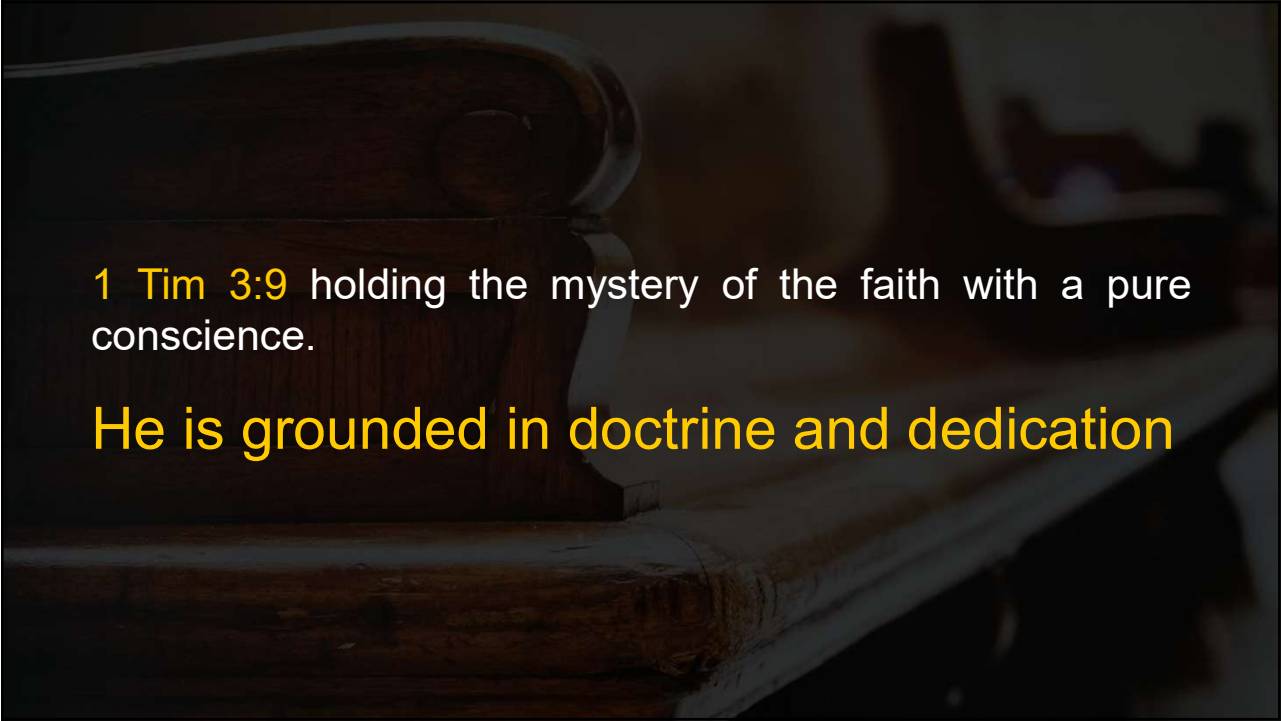
1 Chron 12:32 of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do,

1 Tim 3:6 not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil.

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2. Biblically grounded

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1 Tim 3:9 holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.

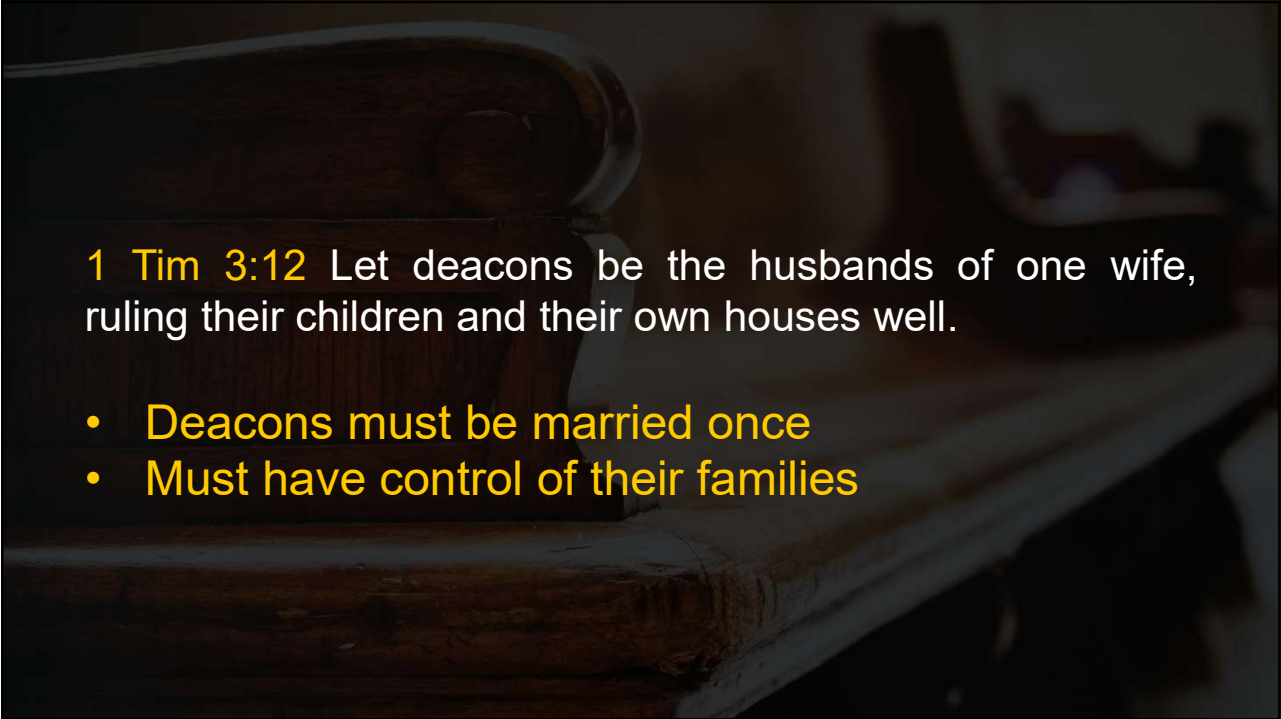
He is grounded in doctrine and dedication

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3. Relationally proven

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1 Tim 3:12 Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

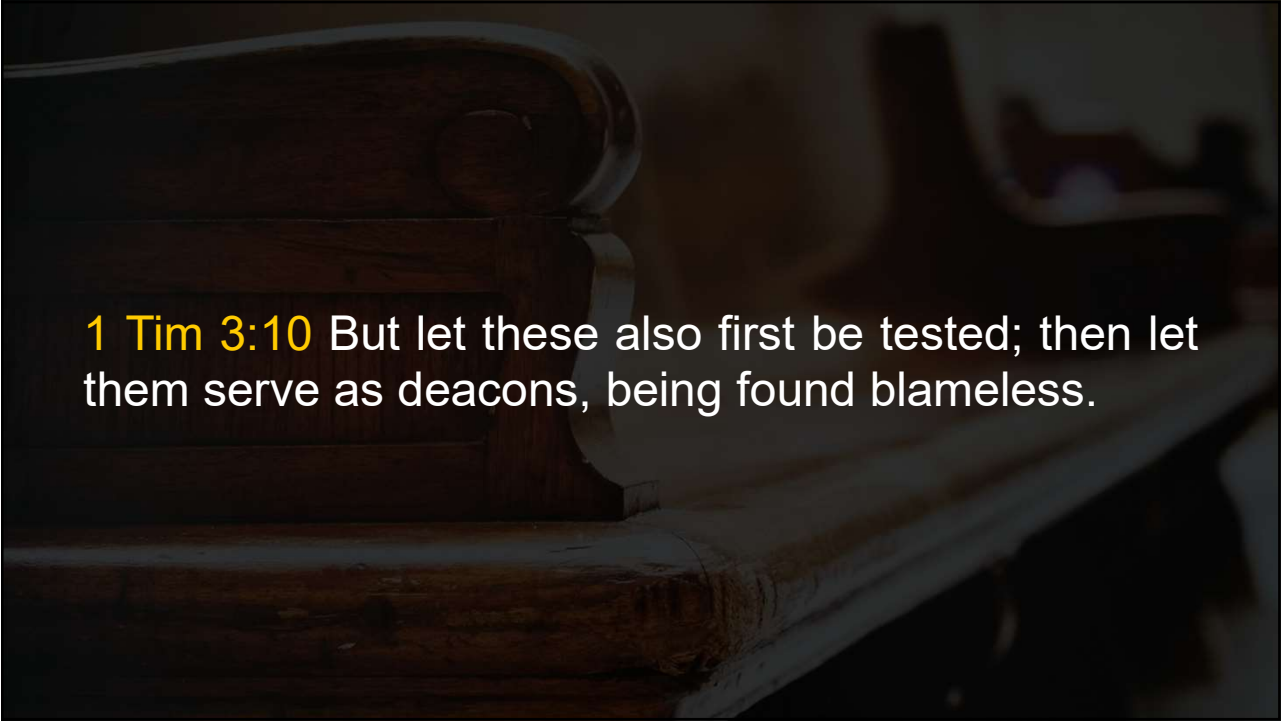
- Deacons must be married once
- Must have control of their families

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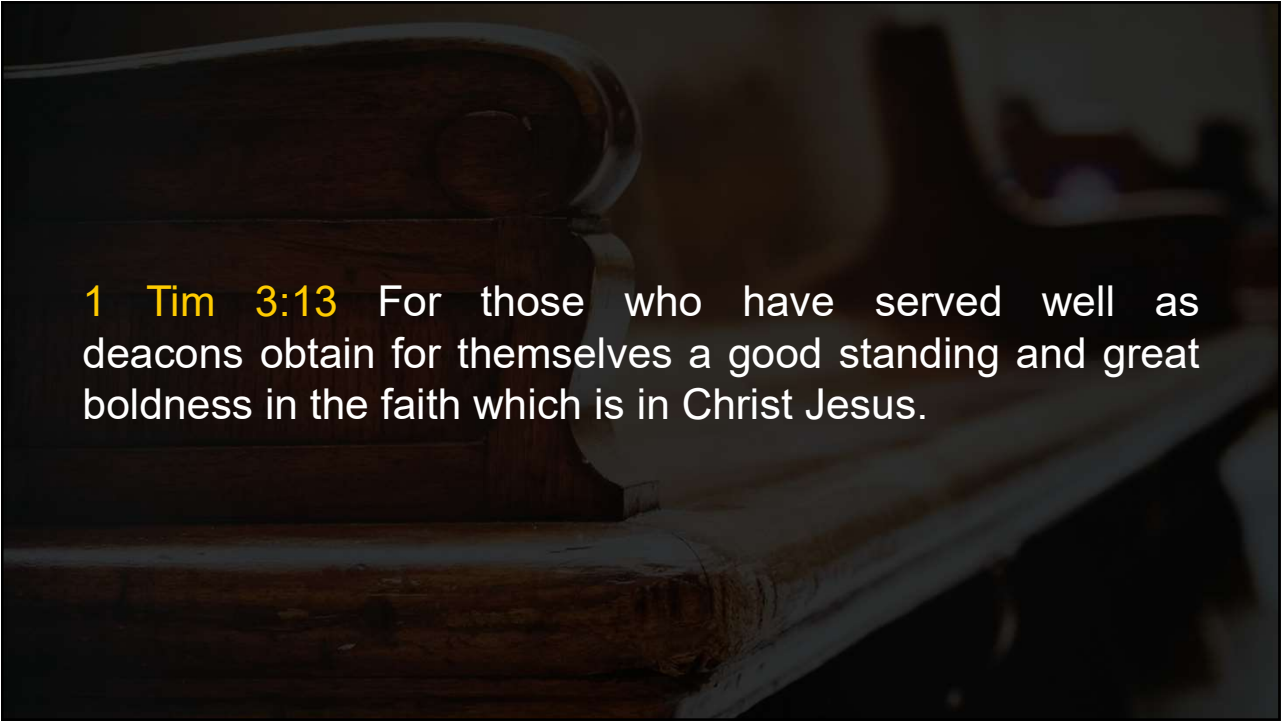
4. Thoroughly tested

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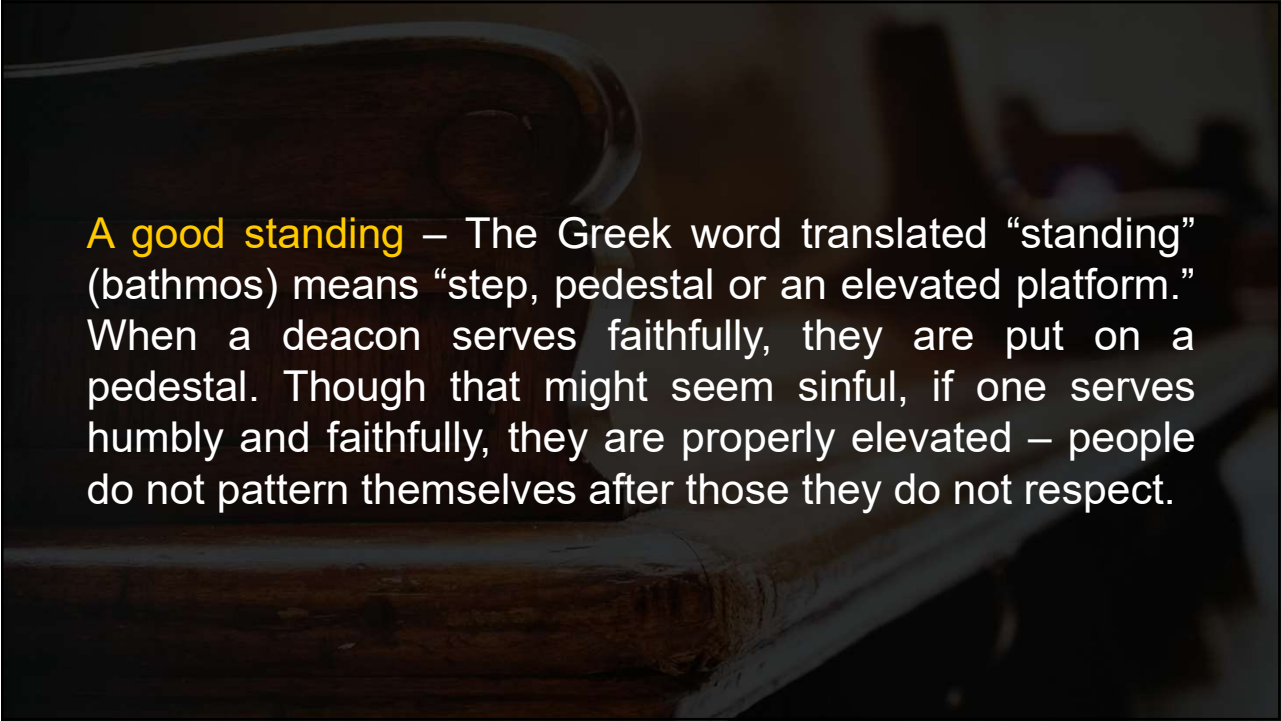
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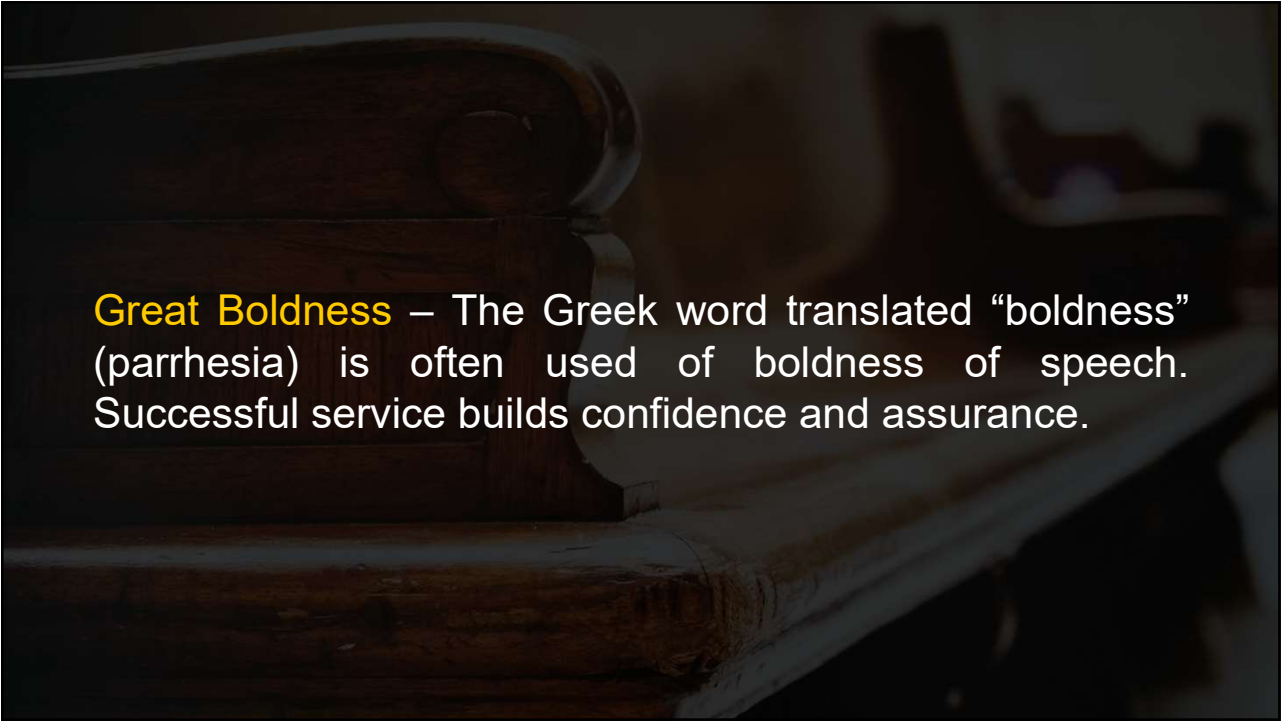
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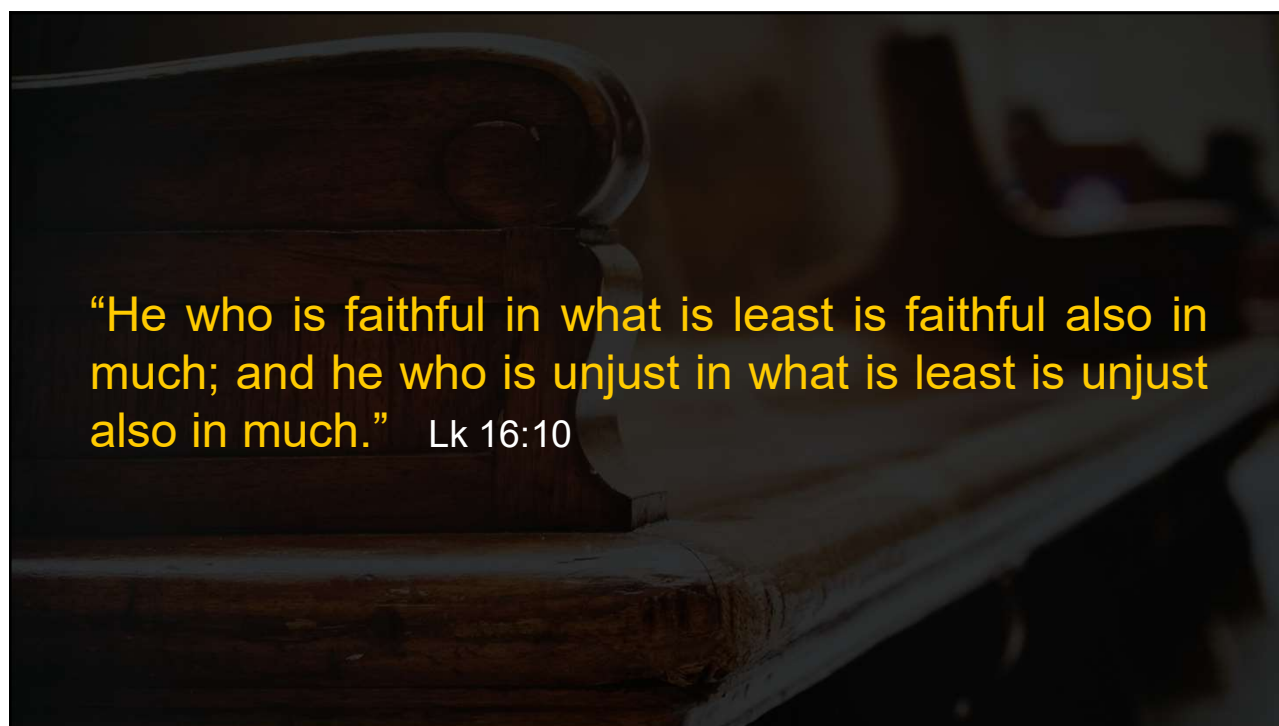
A good standing – The Greek word translated “standing” (bathmos) means “step, pedestal or an elevated platform.” When a deacon serves faithfully, they are put on a pedestal. Though that might seem sinful, if one serves humbly and faithfully, they are properly elevated – people do not pattern themselves after those they do not respect.

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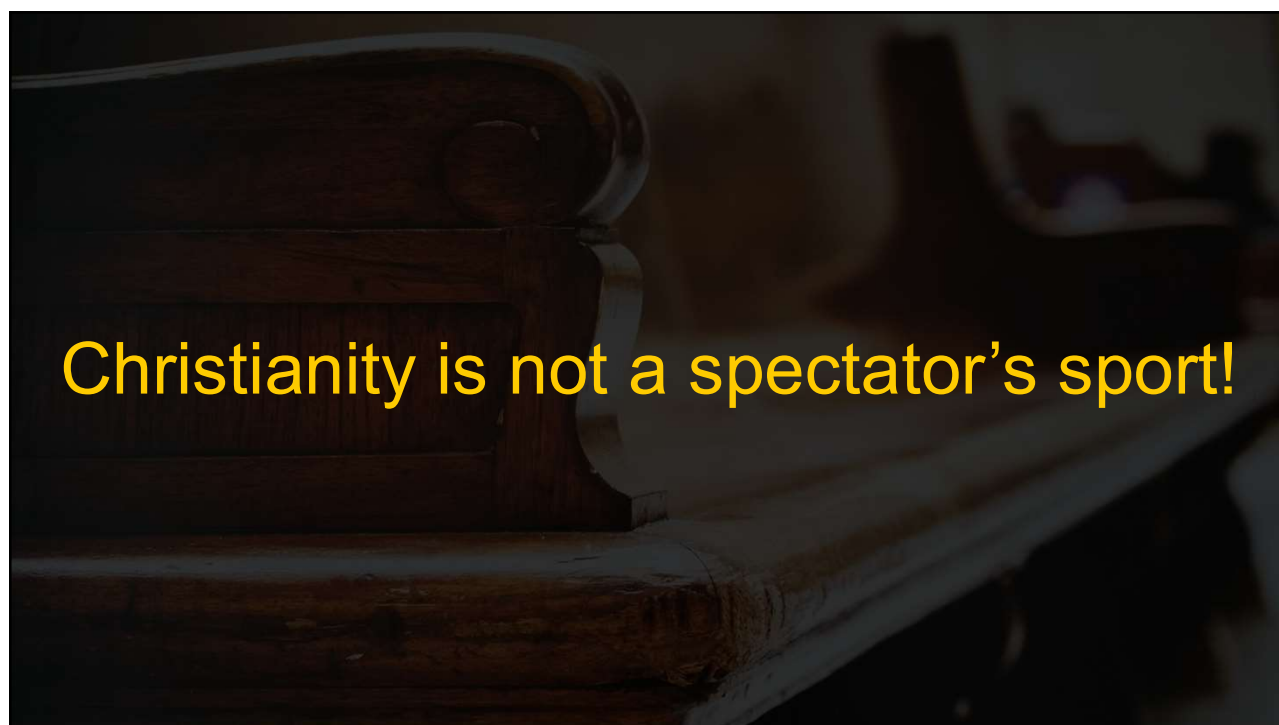


Great Boldness – The Greek word translated “boldness” (parrhesia) is often used of boldness of speech. Successful service builds confidence and assurance.

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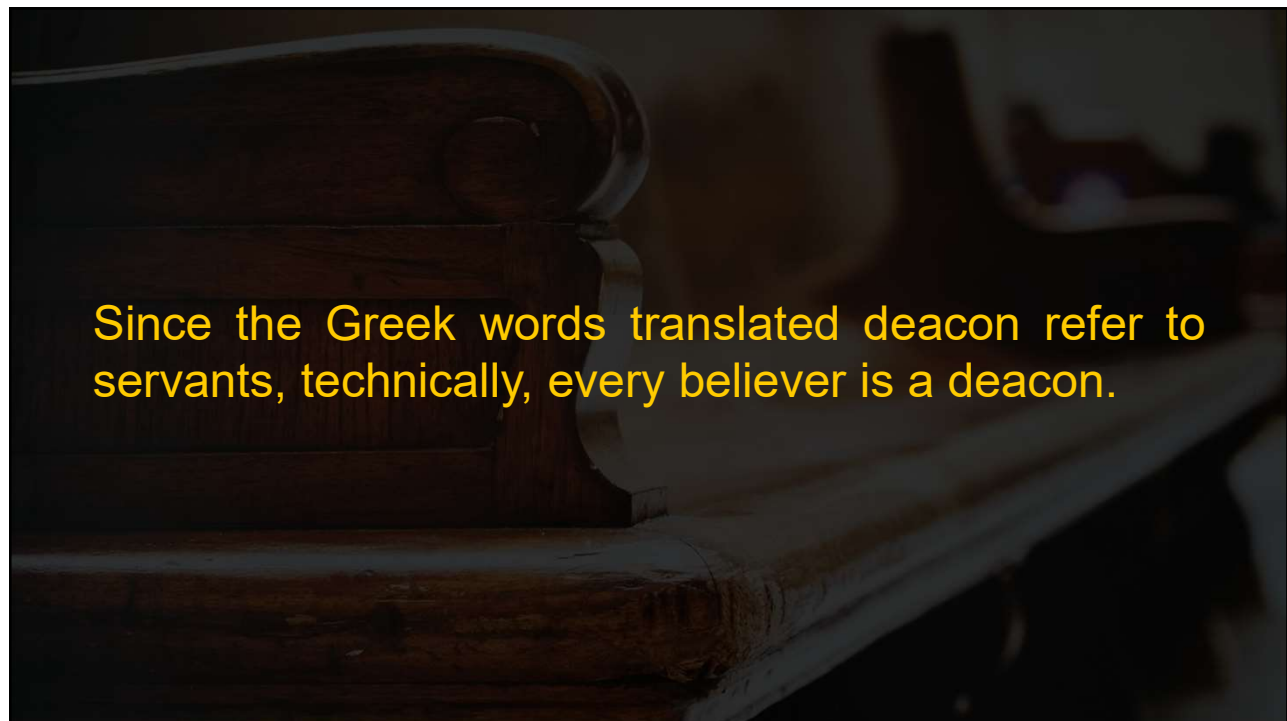
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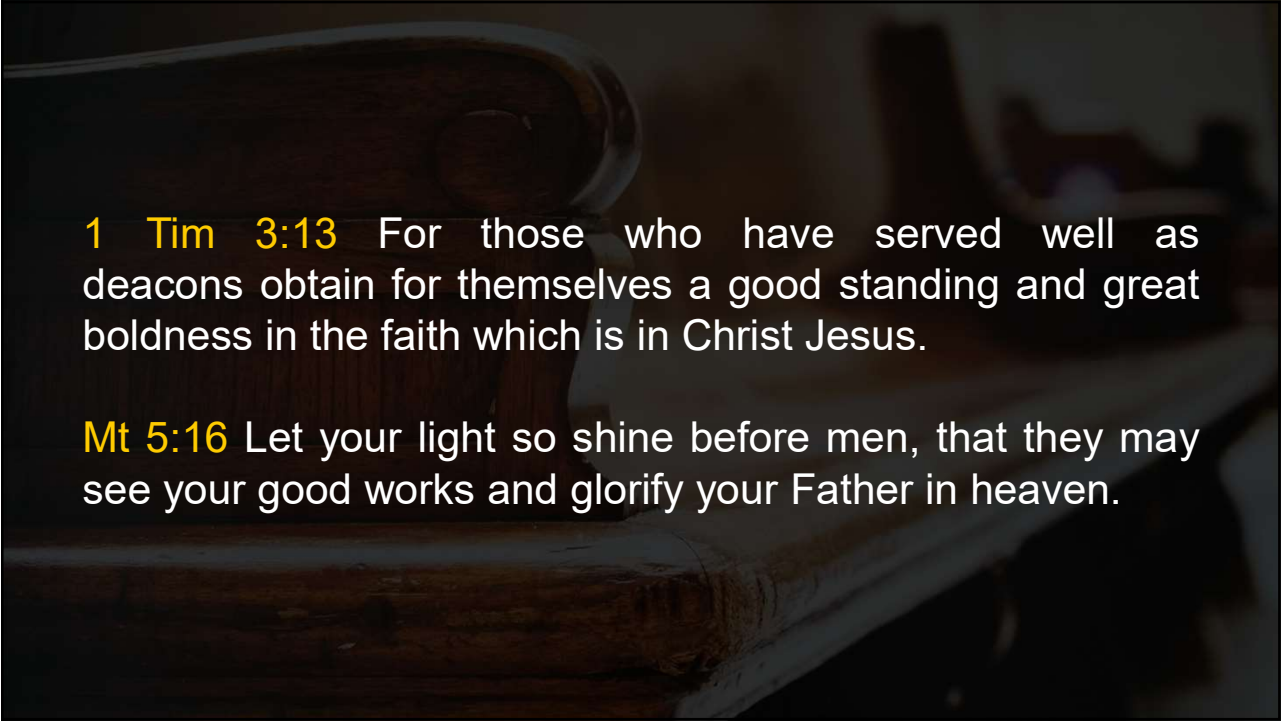
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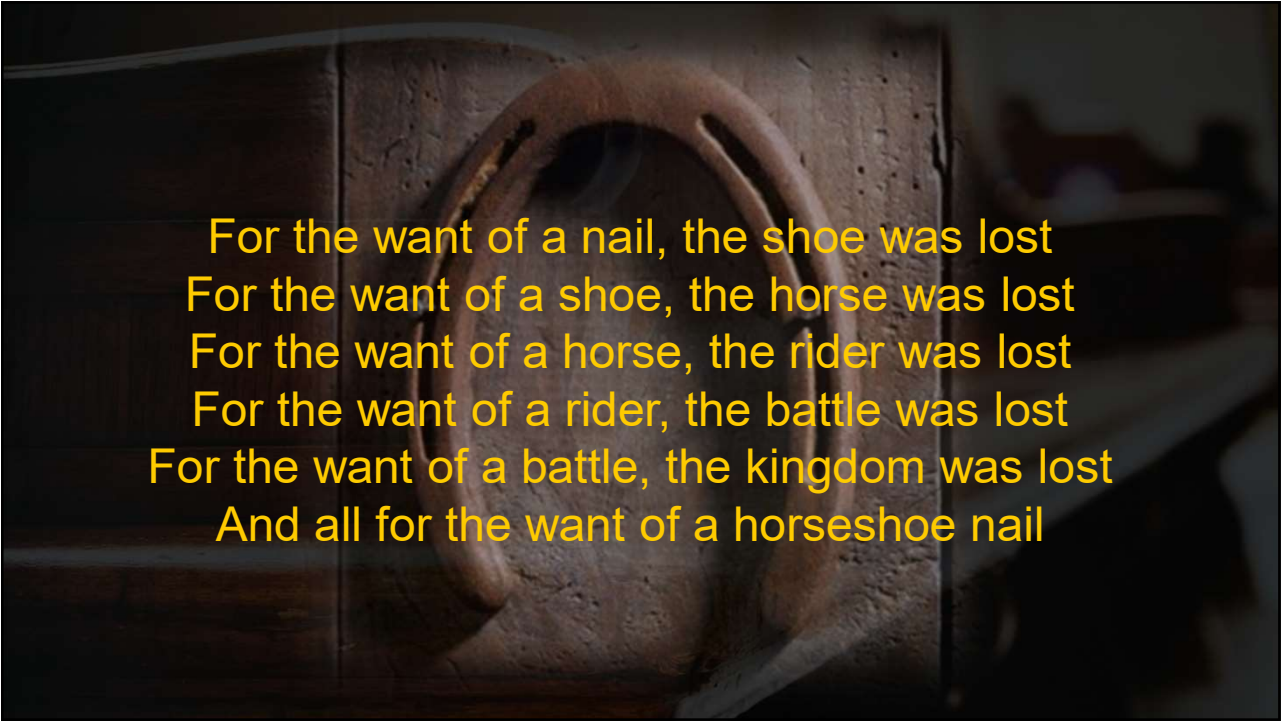
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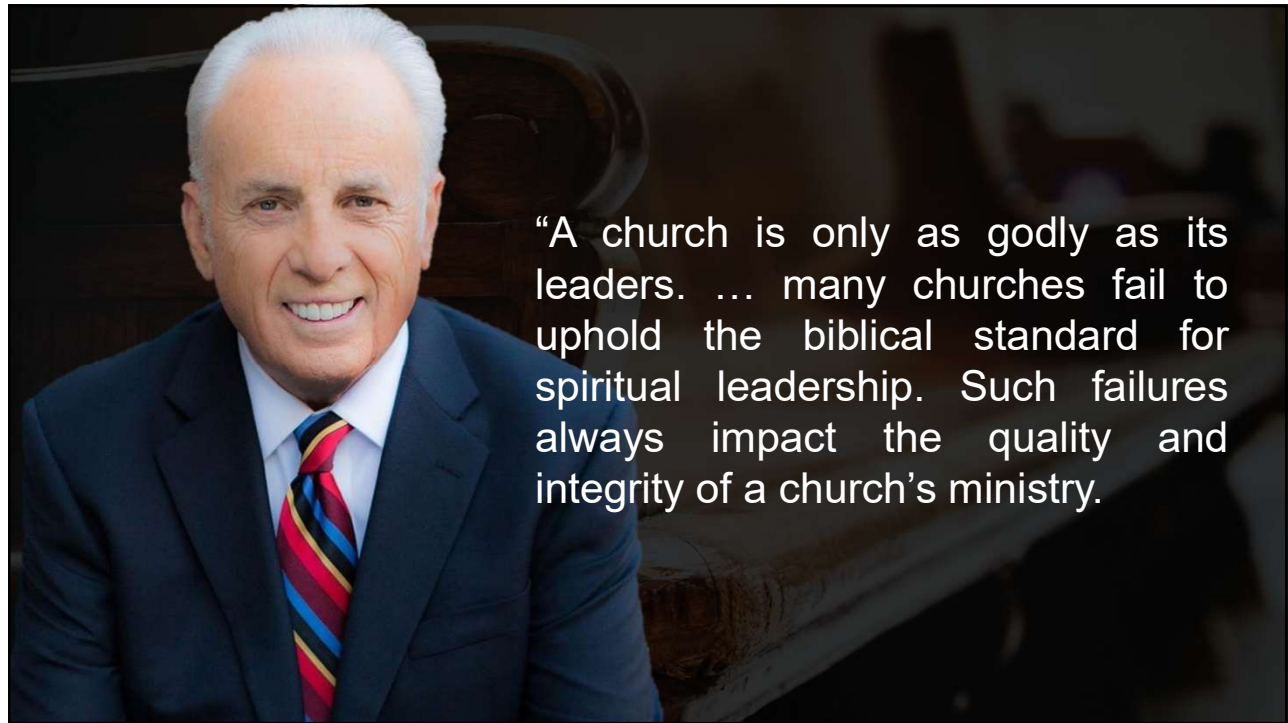
Mt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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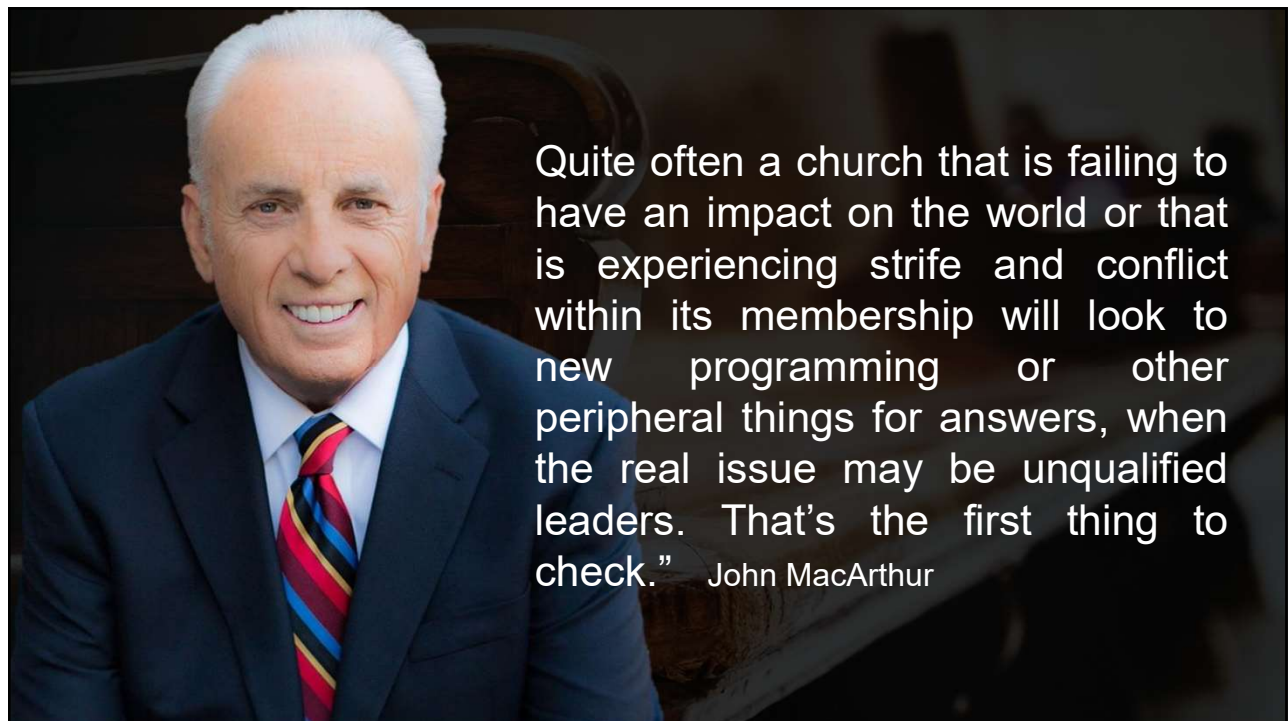


For the want of a nail, the shoe was lost
For the want of a shoe, the horse was lost
For the want of a horse, the rider was lost
For the want of a rider, the battle was lost
For the want of a battle, the kingdom was lost
And all for the want of a horseshoe nail

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