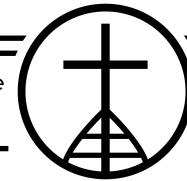


PULPIT CURRICULUM

The Marks of a Good Leader: Earnest

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

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Prayer & Praise: Praise for the encouraging turnout at the Daddy and Daughter Dance, and all the saints that organized and made it happen. Pray for the new guests that came and were cared for.

Earnest Leaders are Driven by Love for Believers (vv.1-3a)

If a zealous leader isn't driven primarily by love for the sheep, what might be some harmful consequences over the course of time?

Earnest Leaders are Discerning of the Spiritual Battles of Faith (3b-5)

Why is discernment of spiritual warfare a necessary part of loving leadership in ministry?

Read 2 Corinthians 11:24-29. How does this give us further insight into the what weighed on Paul heavily in ministering through affliction?

Earnest Leaders are Devoted to the Spiritual Growth in Believers (vv.6-8)

What has this looked like in your spiritual journey? Can you think of a time when your spiritual zeal was so caught up in the life of someone you loved, you can identify with Paul in v.8?

Earnest Leaders are Delighted in God for Believers Growth (vv.9-10)

Why is it healthy for you to regularly give thanks to God for the growth you see in others? What does it protect you from? What does it push you towards?

Earnest Leaders are Dependent on God for Believers Growth (vv.11-13)

Why is it common for us to forget earnestness in prayer? Rather than it be last on the list of Paul, how does it's placement in this epistle tell us where he knew the power came from?

Mutual Ministry: Look back over those five marks of earnestness. Take some time to think through your investment in others and rank in order from weakest to strongest how you think you are doing in these areas?

Prayer is arguably the most objective measurement of our dependence upon God.

The things you pray about are the things you trust God to handle.

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