

**Reading:** 2 Timothy 2:14-26

**Topic:** Developing Necessary Qualities of Ministry

**INTRODUCTION:** All people are called by God to be involved in \_\_\_\_\_ of some kind in the Body of Christ, but the calling also involves developing the \_\_\_\_\_ qualities to make one effective in the type of ministry that God has put one in.

## I. HUMILITY:

### A. *Pride Destroys:*

1. All of us struggle with pride in our lives from time to time, and it was the sin of \_\_\_\_\_ himself and it caused his downfall, and it also will cause us to \_\_\_\_\_. Pr. 16:18
2. Much of the strife and \_\_\_\_\_ that is caused in the Body of Christ comes from the roots of \_\_\_\_\_ itself, and often it can be in those whom God has called to work for Him. Pr. 28:25
3. Many have started out well in a ministry or leadership \_\_\_\_\_, only to fall into the \_\_\_\_\_ of pride and end up being cast aside and unusable just like King Saul. I Sam. 15:16,17

### B. *Jesus Teaching & Example:*

1. Jesus made it a point to repeatedly remind and \_\_\_\_\_ His disciples about the importance of humility and that without it, one will be unusable material in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Mk. 9:33-35
2. Jesus greatest lesson and example on humility came at the \_\_\_\_\_ supper, the Passover, when no one else had fulfilled the role of the \_\_\_\_\_ to wash the feet of the guests so Jesus did it Himself. Jn. 13:12  
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## II. INTEGRITY:

### A. *Character:*

1. Someone has described character as the \_\_\_\_\_ you really are when nobody else is \_\_\_\_\_, while reputation is what other people think you are. I Sam. 16:7
2. We are living in a day when integrity has fallen by the wayside and in business and \_\_\_\_\_, lying has become an accepted behavior when it helps one to get \_\_\_\_\_. Pr. 11:20

### B. *True Integrity:*

1. The definition of integrity is "the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles," which is a definition of Christian \_\_\_\_\_ and conduct. Pr. 11:3
2. A person may have talents and abilities, spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and charisma, but if integrity is missing in the life of that individual, the fruit will eventually be \_\_\_\_\_ and the testimony marred. Pr. 25:26
3. True integrity will sustain an individual, even through the attacks of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the devil himself and will bring stability and blessing to any \_\_\_\_\_. Job 1:8, 2:3

## III. COMPASSION:

### A. *Not Obligation:*

1. Some people become involved in \_\_\_\_\_ because they know that they should, but instead of being

in it for the right reason, they are doing it out of a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ or obligation. I Cor. 9:17

2. When people are involved in \_\_\_\_\_ for the right motive, it will be coming from their \_\_\_\_\_ and being done as unto the Lord. Col. 3:23

**B. With Compassion:**

1. Effective ministry cannot be done without moving in \_\_\_\_\_ for the people being ministered to, or else it will be just mechanical ministry, without feeling, and will not be \_\_\_\_\_ at all.
2. Jesus ministered to needy people with \_\_\_\_\_ and a sense of feeling their need and sufferings so that when He reached out to help people in \_\_\_\_\_, they responded and the needs were met. Mk. 1:41

**CONCLUSION:** When we desire to become effective in some \_\_\_\_\_, we must be willing to allow God to make \_\_\_\_\_ in us to remove some undesirable qualities and replace them with qualities that are Christ like and that will make us effective as we work for Him.