

Sermon Notes – September 15, 2024

We Are Not All Equal (*I Timothy 3:1-13*)

- I. Aspirations for ministry should come from God.
 - A. The warning: James 3:1
 - B. The description: I Timothy 3:1
 - C. The call: Jeremiah 20:7-9

- II. “Above reproach” is the description of the godly leader/teacher.
 - A. Blameless is NOT sinless.
 - B. Blameless is a description of character.
 - 1. No charge of unfitness.
 - 2. Not to be taken hold of.

- III. Ableness for ministry is seen through the lens of self-control.
 - A. Commitment to character. (*Vss. 2, 9, 10*)
 - 1. Husband of one wife.
 - a. One at a time.
 - b. One woman man.
 - c. Faithful to his one wife.
 - 2. Temperate.
 - B. Stability in character. (*Vss. 3, 4,5,7, 8, 12,13*)
 - 1. Not an alcoholic.
 - 2. Not a bully.
 - 3. Not a bad home manager.
 - 4. Not a novice in Christian experience.
 - 5. Not one who is disrespected by outsiders.