

DTS 2022: Session 6

Why DTS...



Qualifying His Disciples!

- Two reasons to qualify them
 - Jesus has called true disciples to high standards of life and love for others!
 - Like Him! “Greater love has no man than this, that he lays down his life for his friends! You are My friends if you do what I command” **John 15.13,14**
 - The world is suffering for a lack of them!

Three Stages of Biblical Discipleship

- **L1: Bearing up under His rules and Rulership!**
- **L2: Bearing the Fruit of His Spirit!**
- **L3: Bearing His image!**
 - **Uncovering, revealing the inner wo/man**
 - **“The image is already complete within, before I start my work. It’s all there, I just have to chip away the superfluous material.” — Michelangelo (paraphrased)**

L1

L1: “We need to *know* what the qualifications for true discipleship are, then *aim* at and *acquire* them!”

1 Timothy 3.1

- “If anyone wants to be a leader in the church, it’s a good desire! An overseer must then be... (pre-qualifications)
 - First the desire: a longing for, a heart set on, stretching towards, a valuable and virtuous work!
 - Then the prequalification's... (not vice versa)
- Blameless: above reproach, forgiven, momentarily holy! v2

The Preconditions Tim/Titus

- **Husband of one wife v2**
 - Not “anti” single, divorced or female...
 - This is an issue of “bridled passions!”
- **Vigilant (KJV): not dulled v2**
 - Nephalius/Nepho: abstinent from wine!
 - Self-control of indulgence into any addictive behavior!



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nēphaleios nēphalios

nah-fal'-eh-os, nay-fal'-ee-os

From G3525; *sober*, that is, (figuratively) *circumspect*:—sober, vigilant.

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Not a new concept

- **Leviticus 10.9,10** The Lord said to Aaron, *“Do not drink wine nor strong drink, you or your sons, when you come into My presence, unless you’re ready to die. This is a rule forever, through all generations. There is a line between holy and unholy.”*

Not a new concept

- **Ezekiel 44.21** “No priest will drink wine *when they enter into My presence.*”
- **Proverbs 31.4,5** “It is not for kings to drink wine nor for princes to drink strong drink *lest they loosen up and forget the law and alter sound judgment.*”

“Glory and strength to Christ, who loves us, whose blood-washed our sins from our lives, *who made us a Kingdom and Priests for His Father*, forever—and yes, He’s on his way! Riding the clouds...”

Revelation 1.6,7

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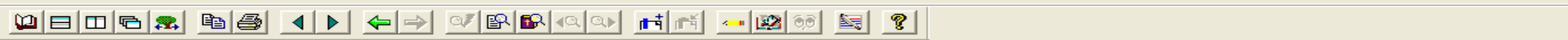
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 - **Nephalios/Nepho (Lit GK): “abstinent” from wine**
 - **“I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” Matthew 26.29**

The Preconditions **1Timothy 3**

- **Vigilant (KJV): not dulled v2**
 - Nephalios/Nepho: abstinent
- **Sober v2 : safe/sound minded, controlled, in control of all passions!**
- **Of modest/orderly behavior! v2**
- **Fond of Guests! v2**

The Preconditions **1Timothy 3**

- **Able to teach! v2**
 - Teaching from teachability.
- **“Not even near” the wine issue! v3**
 - Not a tippler available to the passions that rise with it! Not “Loosened!”



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- “Not even near” wine **v3**
 - Not a tippler available to the passions that rise with it!
 - Not “Loosened!”
- Not violent! **v3**
 - Strong, but not bullying! (physically)
- Not violent verbally! **v3**

The Preconditions **1Timothy 3**

- **Not in love (philo) with money v3**
 - covetous/greedy of base gain! (or frugality?)
- **One who manages their household/children well! v4**
- **Not a neophyte: an untried novice! v6**
- **Good record outside of church! v7**

The Preconditions **Titus 1**

- A teacher of faith to his own family!
(Training ground) **v6**
- **Not self-willed/self pleasing! v7**
- **Not hot-tempered: v7**
 - orgilos: wrath, nursed to keep warm
- **Not given to wine v7**
- **No striker! v7**

The Preconditions **Titus 1**

- Not a seeker of gain in disgraceful ways!
v7
 - “Rich no matter how!”
- Hospitable! Must love people **v8**
- A promoter of good men/virtuous works! **v8** Sponsor
- Sober: **v8** sophrone: self-controlled, saving thoughts

The Preconditions **Titus 1**

- Just **v8** /equitable/fair: holy! **v8**
- Temperate **v8**
- A firm grip on the Word of God **v9**
- Teaching with sound doctrine to encourage and convict contrary! **v9**

The Preconditions Peter/James

- **Willing to take on responsibility!**
- **An example of humility!**
- **Simple speaking, otherwise hupokrisis: acting a part!**

The Preconditions Jesus

- Fishers of men!
- Forward thinkers/seers!
- Willing to give up anything!
- Bearing the cross of self-denial!
- Alert to kingdom opportunities!
- Having a tuned ear!
- Being a servant to others!
- Being where He “is!”

“We don’t need to have all the qualifications in place to be considered true disciples... but people who truly want to be true disciples will have them in sight...”

