

**Becoming Authentic Disciples Part 3
The Goal of Godly Character**

1 Thessalonians 2:7 (NIV)

⁷ but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children.

1 Thessalonians 2:11 (NIV)

¹¹ For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children,

Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV)

⁵ I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

**Qualifications for Elders and other
Leaders in the Church**

1 Timothy 3:1 (NIV)

¹ Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task.

Titus 1:5 (NIV)

⁵ The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.

Qualifications for Elders and other Leaders

1. Above reproach, respectable, and having a good reputation.

1 Timothy 3:2 (NIV)

² Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

1 Timothy 3:7 (NIV)

⁷ He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

2. Stable and healthy marriage and family relationships.

1 Timothy 3:4-5 (NIV)

⁴ He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. ⁵ (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)

3. Temperate, self-controlled, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome.

1 Timothy 3:2-3 (NIV)

² Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome,

4. Hospitable

5. Not given to drunkenness.

6. Not a new convert.

1 Timothy 3:6 (NIV)

⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil.

7. Able to teach.

8. Has a Christian perspective of money.

1 Timothy 3:8 (NIV)

⁸ Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain.

Titus 1:7 (NIV)

⁷ Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless--not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain.
