

THE TEN M's

DETERMINING TRUE MINISTERS

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MANHOOD

Gen 1:26, 27
Rom 8: 29
Heb. 2:6, 10
I Tim. 2:5

God makes a man before manifesting mighty ministry.
Man - apart from position, message or ministry.
Per-son-al-ity evaluating person not performance
Jesus - manhood 30 years; ministry 3 1/2; 10 to 1 ratio

MINISTRY

II Cor. 6:3
Matt. 7:15-21
Duet. 18:20-22

No offense to ministry; I Cor. 2:4,5 - power and demonstration.
By their fruits you shall know them - anointing, results.
Prophecies or preaching productive: Proven, pure, positive

MESSAGE

Eph. 4:15
I Tim 4:2
Mk. 16:20

Speak the truth in love; present truth, and life giving.
Message balanced, scriptural, doctrinally sound and spiritually right.
God confirms His Word - not person, pride or reputation.

MATURITY

Jas. 3:17
Gal. 5:22
I Cor. 13
I Tim. 3:6

Attitude right; mature in human relations; heavenly wisdom.
Fruit of spirit, Christ like character, dependable, steadfast.
Not childish, Eph. 4:14, Heb 5:14, Biblically knowledgeable and mature; not a novice.

MARRIAGE

I Tim 3:2, 5
I Peter 3:1, 7
Eph. 5:22-23

Scripturally in order. Personal family vs. God's family.
Priorities straight - God first, wife and family, then ministry.
Marriage to exemplify relationship of Christ and His Church.

METHODS

Tit. 1:16
Rom 1:18
Rom 3:7-8

Rigidly righteous, ethical, honest, integrity - upright.
Not manipulating or deceptive
Good end results does not justify unscriptural methods.

MANNERS

Tit. 1:7, 3:1,2
Eph. 4:29; 5:4

Unselfish, polite, kind, gentleman or lady, discreet.
Proper speech and communication in words and mannerism.

MONEY

I Tim 3:6 (Amp.)
I Tim 6:5, 10, 17

"Craving wealth and resorting to ignoble and dishonest methods of getting it." Luke 12:15- Love of money and materialism destroys. (i.e. Achan, Balaam, Judas)

MORALITY

Co 3:5
Eph 5:3, I Cor 5:11
Matt 5:28

Virtuous, pure and proper relationships
Biblical sexual purity in attitude and action
Wrong thoughts of desire to do - without opportunity to act

MOTIVE

Matt 6:1
I Cor 16:15, 16
I Cor 13:1-3

To serve or to be seen? Fulfill personal drive or God's desire?
True motivation? ... To minister to be a Minister? ... To herald the truth or just to be heard by man? Motivated by God's love or lust for power, fame, name, etc.