

Review:

Coaching tip #1: Everyone needs a coach.

Coaching tip #2: Coaching only helps humble learners.

Coaching tip #3: If you aim at _____, you'll hit it every time.

The context – Leadership crisis in the Church

Paul's coaching for Timothy

1 Timothy 3

- Church leadership is a high, noble calling. 1 Timothy 3:1
- Qualifications for elders. 1 Timothy 3:2-7
- Qualifications for deacons. 1 Timothy 3:8-13
- Second personal challenge – develop Christ-like leaders! 1 Timothy 3:14-16

The coaching “nuggets” – If you don’t remember anything else...

The truth:

¹⁵ ... I write so that you will know how one ought to **conduct himself in the household of God**, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

¹⁶ By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness:

*He who was revealed in the flesh,
Was vindicated in the Spirit,
Seen by angels,
Proclaimed among the nations,
Believed on in the world,
Taken up in glory.*

1 Timothy 3:15-16

Our response:

¹ ... if any man aspires to the office of **overseer**, it is a fine work he desires to do. ² An overseer, then, **must be above reproach**...

1 Timothy 3:1-2a

Paul's coaching for us

The subject: Leadership in the Church

The underlying issue: Integrity – beyond being honest; the integration of your faith in every area of life and relationships.

The underlying question: Am I willing to “set my heart” to become a godly person and fulfill God’s purpose for my life?

The action required: Step _____!

- Do a personal inventory.
- Revisit your life goals.
- How does God measure success?

The unspoken need: To develop _____.

How? = B.I.O. – The path to spiritual maturity

1. Come **Before God** daily = to make **knowing** Christ your #1 priority.
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 6:33
2. Do life **In community** weekly = to go **deep**, be **honest**, and get **support** to live out your faith every day in every way.
Romans 12:9-13
3. Be **On mission** 24/7 = **serve** your family, neighbors, and workers, and deploy your spiritual gifts in the body.
Romans 12:3-8

Discussion Questions:

1. What do your actions, time, and finances reveal about what your heart is set on?
2. How are you conducting yourself in the “household of God?” How can you integrate your faith in every area of life and in your relationships?
3. What’s keeping you from “setting your heart” to become a godly person and fulfill God’s purpose for your life?
4. Chip talked about *B.I.O.* being the pathway to godliness. Write down how you will practically live it out:

Before God daily: offering your body as a living sacrifice and seeking God’s Kingdom first.

In community weekly: going deep, being honest, and being authentic.

On mission 24/7: showing up as a servant.