

Q & A - Character of God's Ambassadors

True Believer	Our Purpose	Our Calling
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - understand their need for God - they can't save themselves (Eph 2:8, 12; John 14:6) - Realize their wretchedness (Ro 7:14-25) - Come to Jesus as Lord and Savior - Crucified with Christ (Gal 2:20) - To live now is Christ (Phil 1:21) - Bondservants - voluntarily forfeited their freedom to serve another - Jesus becomes Lord and Master - we are His slaves - not just looking for a Savior <u>Many deceived</u> - Mt 7:13-14; Pr 14:12 - few on the narrow way - Some who look like their saved for a while - the seeds (Mt 13:3-9; 18-23) - Many look like they belong but they are tares (Mt 13:24-30) - Mt 7:21-23 - Lord, Lord - I never knew you - <u>How do we know we are believers</u> (I John 5:13) - Spirit reveals it to us (Ro 8:12-17) - Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:7-26) - There will be works (James 2:14-26) <p>There will be evidence Be faithful to the end - Mt 10:22; Jn 8:31; Ro 11:22; I Cor 15:2; Gal 6:9; Col 1:21-23; II Thes 1:4; 3:4; He 3:6, 14; 4:14; 6:11-12; 10:36</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - we were created to bring praise and glory to God Is 43:7 - God created us for His glory Ps 86:9 - glorify God's name Ps 86:12 - giving thanks and glory forever Ps 96:3 - tell of His glory and is wonderful deeds Is 12:4 - exalting Him John 17:4 - God is glorified when we accomplish His work I Cor 6:20 - glorify God in your body Col 3:17 - in word and deed do all in His name 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gen 1:26-27 - rule, God's image on earth - Ecc 12:13-14 - fear God, keep His commandments - I Sam 12:24 - serve Him in truth - Ps 100:2-4 - serve Him with gladness - I Peter 2:4-10 - holy priests that are to offer up spiritual sacrifices (Ro 12:1-2) - Lev 21:6 - Priests are holy - teachers pointing people to God - Eph 6:20 - ambassadors - speaking boldly - Luke 14:16-24 - inviting/compelling people into the kingdom - I Thes 2:4 - given the gospel so we can share it - Acts 1:8 (Mt 28:19-20) make disciples and teach them - Rom 12:4-8 - using our gifts - Mt 25:14-30 - talents - Gal 5:22-23 - be filled with fruit of the Spirit - Eph 4:15 - grow up in all aspects - II Cor 5:11-21 - Fear the Lord - Persuade men - Let Christ's love control us - New creature - His representatives on earth

Our Character	Our Life	The Body & Its Leaders
<p>Model Man I Tim 3:1-10, 12-13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Above reproach - Husband of one wife - Respectable - Not addicted - Peaceable - Free from greed - Runs household well - Good reputation - Tested <p>Titus 1:6-9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Self-controlled - Hold fast to the word <p>Titus 2:2, 6-8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Perseverance - Example of good deeds - Sound speech <p>Model Woman I Tim 3:11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dignified - Not gossips - Faithful <p>Titus 2:3-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reverent - Teaching what is good <p>Proverbial 31:10-31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - working diligently - Cares for household - Helps others - Fears the Lord 	<p>Walking . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ro 6:4 - in newness of life - Ro 8:4-8 - according to the Spirit not the flesh (Gal 5:16, 25) - II Cor 5:7 - by faith, not by sight - Eph 2:10 - in the works that God prepared - Eph 4:1 - in a manner worthy (I Thes 2:12) - Eph 5:2 - in love and offering sacrifice to God - Eph 5:15 - as wise men - Col 1:10 - please Him in all respects - bearing fruit, increasing in knowledge of God - I John 1:7 - in the Light as He is in the Light (Eph 5:8) - II John 1,6 - in His commandments - III John 1, 3, 4 - in truth <p>To talk the talk and not walk the walk = hypocrites (actor, pretender - play a part that is not real)</p> <p>Warnings about hypocrites Matt 6:2, 5, 16 - doing what they do to draw attention to themselves</p> <p>Mt 23:13-29 - Woes to the hypocrites</p> <p>HIGH CALLING - serious warnings to the church (Rev 2:5; 3:15-20)</p>	<p>body/church - God's representative on earth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pastors - People (believers) are also reps - All priests, all ambassadors - Each is called to take the message of salvation to the world - Pastors are to equip us to take the message - Living out what we say we believe <p>Within the body</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no habitual sin inside the body - Ro 6:2, 10; I Peter 3:18 - He 13:11-15 - Outside was a place of uncleanness - I Cor 6:9-10; Gal 5:19-21; Eph 5:5 - Rev 22:15; Mt 8:12; 22:13; 25:30 (cf Col 1:12-13 - contrast to being in the dark vs in the Light) - Mt 18:15-17 - church discipline - I Cor 5:1-13 - remove the sin from the church - DON'T JUDGE ME - Mt 7:1-5 - Why deal with sin I Cor 5:6-8; Gal 5:9 <p>Should someone living in sin be in authority? Better question - should someone living in sin be in the church?</p>

God Deals with Leaders	Warnings to Leaders	Qualified/Unqualified to Lead
<p>Adam - head of the family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I Tim 2:14 - woman was deceived - Gen. 3:17 - heeded the voice of the wife over God <p>Korah (Number 16:1-41)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - gathered 250 men - leaders - Grumbled against Moses/ God - Ground swallowed them up <p>Moses (Numbers 20:1-13)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - people grumbled - Told to speak to the rock - Hit it twice - God kept him out of the promised land because he didn't treat God as holy <p>Prophecy against shepherds - Ez 34:1-10</p> <p>Condemnations of Scribes and Pharisees - Mt 23:1-36</p>	<p>James 3:1 - teachers incur a stricter judgement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - teaches students how to apply teachings to their everyday life <p>II Cor 5:10 - we are going to give an account for what we have done (I Cor 3:10-15 - what we build with)</p> <p>Mt 18:6 - warning to not cause people to stumble</p> <p>I Cor 11:1 - follow me as I follow Christ Phil 3:17 - we are setting a pattern for others to follow</p>	<p>Alcoholic in the family?</p> <p>Children who aren't living right?</p> <p>Divorced?</p>