

## Q & A - Character of God's Ambassadors

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

Our Character	Our Life	The Body & Its Leaders
<p>Model Man</p> <p>I Tim 3:1-10, 12-13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Above reproach</li> <li>- Husband of one wife</li> <li>- Respectable</li> <li>- Not addicted</li> <li>- Peaceable</li> <li>- Free from greed</li> <li>- Runs household well</li> <li>- Good reputation</li> <li>- Tested</li> </ul> <p>Titus 1:6-9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Self-controlled</li> <li>- Hold fast to the word</li> </ul> <p>Titus 2:2, 6-8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Perseverance</li> <li>- Example of good deeds</li> <li>- Sound speech</li> </ul> <p>Model Woman</p> <p>I Tim 3:11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dignified</li> <li>- Not gossips</li> <li>- Faithful</li> </ul> <p>Titus 2:3-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reverent</li> <li>- Teaching what is good</li> </ul> <p>Proverbial 31:10-31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- working diligently</li> <li>- Cares for household</li> <li>- Helps others</li> <li>- Fears the Lord</li> </ul>	<p>Walking . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ro 6:4 - in newness of life</li> <li>- Ro 8:4-8 - according to the Spirit not the flesh (Gal 5:16, 25)</li> <li>- II Cor 5:7 - by faith, not by sight</li> <li>- Eph 2:10 - in the works that God prepared</li> <li>- Eph 4:1 - in a manner worthy (I Thes 2:12)</li> <li>- Eph 5:2 - in love and offering sacrifice to God</li> <li>- Eph 5:15 - as wise men</li> <li>- Col 1:10 - please Him in all respects - bearing fruit, increasing in knowledge of God</li> <li>- I John 1:7 - in the Light as He is in the Light (Eph 5:8)</li> <li>- II John 1,6 - in His commandments</li> <li>- III John 1, 3, 4 - in truth</li> </ul> <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</p> <p>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"> <li>- Pastors</li> <li>- People (believers) are also reps</li> <li>- All priests, all ambassadors</li> <li>- Each is called to take the message of salvation to the world</li> <li>- Pastors are to equip us to take the message</li> <li>- Living out what we say we believe</li> </ul> <p>Within the body</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- no habitual sin inside the body</li> <li>- Ro 6:2, 10; I Peter 3:18</li> <li>- He 13:11-15</li> <li>- Outside was a place of uncleanness</li> <li>- I Cor 6:9-10; Gal 5:19-21; Eph 5:5</li> <li>- 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)</li> <li>- Mt 18:15-17 - church discipline</li> <li>- I Cor 5:1-13 - remove the sin from the church</li> <li>- DON'T JUDGE ME - Mt 7:1-5</li> <li>- Why deal with sin I Cor 5:6-8; Gal 5:9</li> </ul> <p>Should someone living in sin be in authority?</p> <p>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"> <li>- I Tim 2:14 - woman was deceived</li> <li>- Gen. 3:17 - heeded the voice of the wife over God</li> </ul> <p>Korah (Number 16:1-41)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- gathered 250 men - leaders</li> <li>- Grumbled against Moses/ God</li> <li>- Ground swallowed them up</li> </ul> <p>Moses (Numbers 20:1-13)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- people grumbled</li> <li>- Told to speak to the rock</li> <li>- Hit it twice</li> <li>- God kept him out of the promised land because he didn't treat God as holy</li> </ul> <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"> <li>- teaches students how to apply teachings to their everyday life</li> </ul> <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>	