The Heartbeat of My Ministry! Intentional Leadership "and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2 ESV Leadership is a ______ through Serving Others! I. Serving as a Leader is an Opportunity for My "For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 3:13 ESV - "For those who serve well" - My Ministry Requires My "But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."" Mark 10:43-45 ESV "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." John 13:14 ESV "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one John 13:34–35 ESV another." "Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people." *Ephesians* 6:7 *NLT* - My Faithfulness Brings **before Others** "For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence" in the faith that is in Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 3:13 ESV Good Standing is not describing a promotion but my among the congregation! "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." Matthew 25:21 ESV (Proverbs 20:6) "Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men." Proverbs 22:29 ESV "Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eves have

seen"

Proverbs 25:6–7 ESV

- My Faithfulness Develops

in the Lord

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Confidence is the trait of being willing to undertake activities that involve risk or danger; especially that involve being honest and straightforward in attitude and speech. (Logos)

Development — "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16 ESV

Development— "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they+ had been with Jesus." Acts 4:13 ESV

Fortitude — "This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory." Ephesians 3:11–13 ESV

II. Serving as a Leader Demands

And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless." 1 Timothy 3:10 ESV

Qualification for Leadership is an ______ test of a leaders character.

"Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure." 1 Timothy 5:22 ESV

Dignified (2x) - being worthy of esteem or respect; especially on account of one's behavior. **Not Double-talking** hypocritical or insincere speech on account of equivocation or duplicitousness. **Not Devoted to Pleasure**— not under the control of a substance.

Not Shamefully Greedy - so desirous of acquiring wealth it brings disgrace and shame on a person. **Authentic Faith**— holds the truth of Scripture with a clear conscience.

Not Slanderers—not characterized by attacking or degrading the reputation of another by slander. **Sober-minded**—not given to any extremes in behavior.

faithful in all things— characterized by belief, trust, and reliance on Jesus in all areas of life.

Devoted Spouse— a One Woman Man

Devoted Parent—managing their children and their own households well

Godly Character is a ______ for Leadership in a Local Church.

Leadership is a <u>Growth Opportunity</u> through Serving Others!

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