

The Kind of Men Needed in the Church

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Not . . .

1. Men who give place to the passions of jealousy and anger — like **Cain**, Genesis 4:1-8
2. Men who will follow their wives in doing wrong — like **Adam**, Genesis 3:1-6
3. Men who will not restrain their children from evil — like **Eli**, 1 Samuel 3:12-13
4. Men who want eternal life, but not at the price of giving up material things — like **the rich, young ruler**, Matthew 19:16-22
5. Men who love human praise so much that they will resort to deception to receive it — like **Ananias**, Acts 5:1-6
6. Men who are more concerned about pleasing the crowd than about doing what is right — like **Pilate**, Luke 23:13-23
7. Men who know what is right, but who love the hire of wrong-doing so much that they will forsake what is right to acquire it — like **Balaam**, Numbers 22-24; 31:1-9; 2 Peter 2:15; Revelation 2:14
8. Men who love this present world to such an extent that they will forsake the Lord and faithful servants of the Lord — like **Demas**, 2 Timothy 4:10
9. Men who will teach error and thereby overthrow the faith of some brethren — like **Hymenaeus** and **Philetus**, 2 Timothy 2:16-18
10. Men who will thrust faith and a good conscience from themselves and thus make ship-wreck concerning the faith — like **Hymenaeus** and **Alexander**, 1 Timothy 1:19-20
11. Men who love to have the preeminence and will oppose anyone regarded as a threat to their ambitions — like **Diotrephes**, 3 John 9-10

But . . .

1. Men who are available to do God's bidding, who will say, "Here and I, send me" — like **Isaiah**, Isaiah 6:8
2. Men who are useful for ministering — like **Mark**, 2 Timothy 4:11
3. Fearless men who will neither be ashamed of nor avoid faithful brethren who are persecuted and mistreated — like **Onesiphorus**, 2 Timothy 1:16-18
4. Men who are willing, for the work of Christ, to hazard their lives and come nigh unto death — like **Epaphroditus**, Philippians 2:25-30
5. Men who care truly for the spiritual welfare of their brethren and who seek, not their own things, but the things of Christ — like **Timothy**, Philippians 2:19-21
6. Patient or steadfast men who will not renounce their faith in or allegiance to God, whatever adversities they may have to suffer — like **Job**, Job 1, 2, 42; James 5:11
7. Men who will preach and practice righteousness, even if the whole world stands against them — like **Noah**, Genesis 6-8; Hebrews 11:7
8. Men who are not afraid to denounce sin, even in high places — like **John the Baptist**, Matthew 14:1-12
9. Men who count the reproach of Christ greater riches than any earthly treasures, who choose to suffer ill treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season — like **Moses**, Hebrews 11:24-26
10. Men who have such faith in God that they will follow any command of God, whatever the cost — like **Abraham**, Hebrews 11:8-9, 17
11. Men who cannot be pressured into changing God's message — like **Micaiah** (1 Kings 22) and **Jeremiah**, Jeremiah 42-43

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