

## GOOD MINISTER

In 1 Tim.3:1-7, Paul gave instructions on ordination of a biblically qualified minister of Jesus Christ, and in 1 Tim.4:6-10, he gave instructions on how to identify that Good Minister of Jesus Christ.

The Greek word for good is (kalos). It refers to 'intrinsic good' or something inwardly good, good as part of its natural order of creation.

In its natural order of creation, it can be identified as good or bad. We can find three examples in the Book of **Matthew** (Matt.3:8) [fruit] and (Matt.13:23) [ground] and in (Matt.13:48) [fish].

(1 Tim.5:25) "Likewise also, **deeds that are good** are quite evident, and those which are otherwise cannot be concealed." Good deeds are based on the order of the New Covenant and church age doctrines.

<p><b>This lesson will study <u>four aspects</u> of a Good Minister of Jesus Christ <u>from our lesson text</u>.</b></p>
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### **1. A Good Minister is able to correct false teachings in his life and ministry (1 Tim.4:6-7).**

(1 Tim.4:6a) "In **pointing** (hupotithemi/ p.m.ptc.nsm) [laying down] these things out to the brethren, you will be a good minister (kalos diakonos) of Christ Jesus." (1 Tim.4:1-5, 7)

(1 Tim.4:15-16) "Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be evident to all. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teachings; persevere in these things; for as you do this you will insure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you."

### **2. A Good Minister is constantly being nourished and following the word of faith and sound doctrine.**

(1 Tim.4:6) "In pointing these things to the brethren, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, (you) **constantly nourished (entrepho/ p.p.ptc.nsm) on the words of the faith and** (adjunctive of nouns) of the sound doctrine which (hos) [relative pronoun] (inst.s. f) you have been following (parakoloutheo/ perf.a.ind.2ps)."

### **3. A Good Minister conducts his life and ministry in godliness.**

(1 Tim.4:7) "But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women, **on the other hand**, discipline yourself for the **purpose of godliness**; for bodily discipline is only a little profit, but **godliness is profitable for all things; since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come** "

### **4. A Good Minister commits his life to same life work of Jesus Christ which is to share the gospel of grace salvation; whether he considers his ministry active or inactive.**

(1 Tim.4:9-10) "It is a trust worthy statement deserving full acceptance; for it is for this **we labor and strive** because **we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is Savior of all men**, especially of **believers.**"