

## Gate 4

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A minister should be:

**{L} Self denying:** 1 Cor 9:27. But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. KJV

**{M} Sober, just, and temperate:** Lev 10:9. Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations: KJV

Titus 1:8. But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; KJV

**{N} Hospitable:** 1 Tim 3:2. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; KJV

**{O} Apt to teach:** 2 Tim 2:24. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, KJV

**{P} Studious and meditative.** 1 Tim 4:13. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

15. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. KJV

**{Q} Watchful:** 2 Tim 4:5. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

**{R} Prayerful:** Eph 3:14. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Phil 1:4. Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, KJV

**{S} Affection to their People:** Phil 1:7. Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace. KJV

1 Thess 2:8. So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have

imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. KJV

1 Thess 2:11.As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,KJV

**{T}**Examles to the Flock:Phil 3:17.Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

1 Tim 4:12.Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.  
KJV

1 Peter 5:3.Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. KJV

### **A Minister should not be:**

**{1}**Greedy of filthy lucre:Acts 20:33.I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.KJV

1 Tim 3:3.Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;KJV

1 Tim 3:8.Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;KJV

1 Peter 5:2.Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;KJV

**{2}**Contentious:Titus 1:7.For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; KJV

**{3}**Crafty:2 Cor 4:2But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. KJV

2 Cor 4:2.We do not try to trick people into believing-we are not interested in fooling anyone. We never try to get anyone to believe that the Bible teaches what it doesn't. All such shameful methods we forego. We stand in the presence of God as

we speak and so we tell the truth, as all who know us will agree. TLB

**{4} Men pleasers:** Gal 1:10. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. KJV

1 Thess 2:4. But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. KJV

Ye old Messer Proverb:

A man that trimeth himselfeth to suiteth peopleth  
Sooneth whiddleth Himselfeth awayeth.

**{5} Easily dispirited:** 2 Cor 4:8. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9. Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; KJV

2 Cor 6:10. As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things. KJV

**{6} Entangled by cares:** Luke 9:60. Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. KJV

2 Tim 2:4. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.