

- B. The general concept may be compared with 1 Timothy 3:2-7. The items are not so specifically designated by the general issues are covered. The terms should probably not be treated in an “absolutist” fashion and I will try to discuss or explain this as we go,.
- C. But these are standards for the “men of God” and it would be a good idea to make a personal listing of them and have it handy to challenge us in performance. Remember that salvation is a gift of grace and we are not talking about how one becomes a child of God but about how one should live as a man of God. The need of growth and commitment is a major factor. In the words of many a parent...”What do you want to be when you grow up?”

### III. Men of God in Performance

This is a general thing about how “men of God” order things day by day. There is an enormous amount of Scripture on this subject and I have chosen 2 Timothy 2 as the basic text for this part of our study. It is really the beginning of the study and not the ending but is about as far as we can go today. Our subject is the performance of the “men of God” and it proceeds thus:

- A. They will commit themselves to a life that is spiritually productive  
2 Timothy 2:1-7
  - they will be strong, v. 1
  - sharing, v. 2
  - laboring, vs. 3-4
  - serving lawfully, v. 5
  - enjoying blessing, v. 6
- B. They will stand committed to the Gospel, trusting the Lord and teaching others. 2 Timothy 2:8-14
- C. They will grow in the knowledge of Truth  
2 Timothy 2:15-21