

Bethel Grace's Philosophy of Children's Ministry

We exist to glorify God by

- Teaching children a God-centered view of the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that they might set their hope in Him alone and not forget His works, but keep His commandments (Psalm 78).
- Connecting with, supporting, and encouraging parents in their God-given role as the spiritual leaders of their children (Deut. 6:4-9; Eph. 6:4).

Qualifications for a Children's Ministry worker or teacher

"Not many of you should become teachers [...] for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness." James 3:1

These qualifications are those of a deacon/deaconess from 1 Timothy 3:8-13. Those serving in any position of authority (e.g. teacher) within the church should hold to these qualifications:

1. Worthy of respect
2. Sincere, always telling the truth
3. Not indulge in much wine, not prone to drunkenness (this is applicable to any addiction)
4. Not pursue dishonest gain
5. Keep hold of deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience
6. Not be a malicious talker (gossiper/slanderer), but self-controlled and trustworthy in everything
7. Husband of one wife/wife of one husband
8. Manage his/her children and his/her household well



Further Expectations:

1. **Live a God-centered life:** consistent Bible reading and prayer, being held accountable by one or more persons, show fruit in relationships with family, friends, and church family, and others-focused. Motivated alone by the glory of God.
2. **Love children.** Passionate about reaching them with God's Word and with His love.
3. **Be a good teacher:** able to present the truth in an age-appropriate and dynamic/interactive way and able to maintain order and discipline in the classroom.
4. **Responsible:** Punctuality is key! Always there on time, keep the established rules, take care of church resources, and communicate openly and honestly with leadership.
5. **Cooperative** with all the screening and training processes established by the church leadership.