FIGHT FOR GODLINESS

A STUDY OF 1 TIMOTHY

INSTRUCTIONS ON CHURCH LEADERSHIP

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-13

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-4 ESV

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. [2] Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, [3] not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. [4] He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive...

1 TIMOTHY 3:5-7 ESV

...for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how
will he care for God's church? 6 He must not be a recent convert, or he
may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the
devil. 7 Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may
not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

1 TIMOTHY 3:8-10 ESV

Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to
much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. [9] They must hold the mystery of
the faith with a clear conscience. [10] And let them also be tested first; then
let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless.

1 TIMOTHY 3:11-13 ESV

Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded,
faithful in all things. [12] Let deacons each be the husband of one wife,
managing their children and their own households well. [13] For those who
serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great
confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

1 TIMOTHY 3:1 ESV

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to **the office of overseer,** he desires a noble task.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Roles and Responsibilities

Overseer *"episcopos"*

one who watches over, a manager, a guardian

Elder *"presbuteros"*

one who is older, used as a term of respect and honor; also used to designate one who was a leader in the community

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Roles and Responsibilities

1 TIMOTHY 3:8, 10, 13 ESV

8 **Deacons likewise…**

10 …then let them **serve as deacons…**

13 For those who **serve as deacons…**

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Roles and Responsibilities

Deacon

one who serves or assists under the authority or direction of another

Overseers/elders *"Watch Over"*

Authoritative oversight of the church for:

- Protection
- Direction

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Roles and Responsibilities

Overseers/elders *"Watch Over"*

Authoritative oversight of the church for:

- Protection
- Direction

Deacon *"Come Under"*

Support and serve the church to:

- Equip
- Care

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Roles and Responsibilities

1 TIMOTHY 3:2a, 8a ESV

[2] Therefore an overseer must be above reproach...

[8] Deacons likewise must be dignified...

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Roles and Responsibilities

Character Qualities

Regarding *"The Faith"*

- Proven faithfulness to Christ and His Word
- Firm grasp on truth
- Able to teach

Self Control/Maturity

- Drinking
- Money
- Temper
- Tongue

Family

- Lead household well
- Faithful to spouse
- Discipline children

Relationships

- Hospitable
- Gentle

Reputation

- Highly esteemed by outsiders
- Blameless

Conversation with an Elder

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Roles and Responsibilities
Character Qualities
Practical Application