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"The Character of the Pastor"

1 Timothy 3:1-7

According to God, leadership within the church is to be based upon spiritual **qualifications** for service.



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Within the Bible the terms "*elder, shepherd, overseer*" are all used **interchangeably** to speak of the **same** office of leadership within the church.



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(spiritual maturity)

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"**elder**" Grk: *presbuteros*- 16 times in NT
(spiritual maturity)

"**overseer**" Grk: *episkopos*- 4 times in NT
(look over the affairs of the church)

"**shepherd**" Grk: *poimen*- 4 times in NT
(lead, feed, and protect the flock)



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- aspire
- above reproach
- husband of one wife
- self-controlled
- respectable
- hospitable
- able to teach
- not a drunkard
- not violent, but gentle
- not quarrelsome
- not a lover of money
- manages household well

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- not a new convert
- well thought of by outsiders
- not self-willed
- not arrogant
- not quick-tempered
- loves what is good
- upright, holy, and disciplined
- holds fast the faithful word



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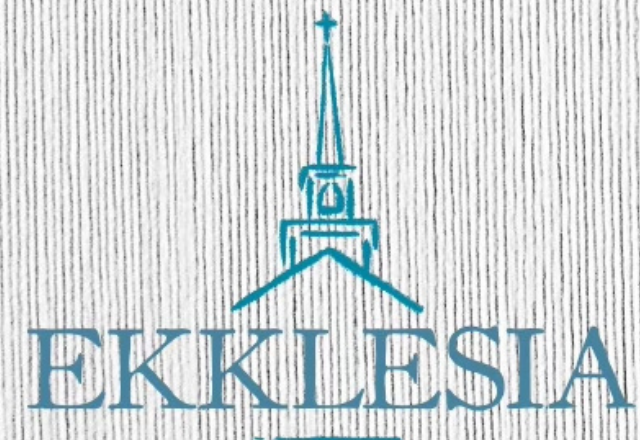
What concerns God the most is the **godly character**
and **spiritual maturity** of those who lead.



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Regardless if you have a title or not,
ALL believers are called to pursue **godliness**.



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