THE MEASURE OF A MAN
1 Timothy 3:1–7

INTRODUCTION
God's standard for spiritual leadership is remarkably different from the world's. Rather than beginning with charisma, accomplishments, or ability, God directs us to examine the character and credibility of the man.

BIG IDEA
God is not merely looking for men who can lead. He is looking for men whose lives are worth following.

1. THE _____FOR THE WORK — 1 Timothy 3:1
Spiritual leadership is a call to _____, not status.
- Aspiring to serve God's people is a noble desire.
- Desire for the office does not equal qualification for the office.
- The emphasis is not on the title, but on the work.

2. THE _____OF THE MAN — 1 Timothy 3:2–3
God is more concerned with who the man _____ than simply what the man can do.
- Above reproach summarizes the character expected of an elder.
- His marriage, self-control, hospitality, teaching, temperament, appetites, and money all matter.
- The "husband of one wife" must demonstrate genuine covenant faithfulness.

3. THE_____ OF HIS LIFE — 1 Timothy 3:4–7
Character must be _____ in the places where Christianity is hardest to fake.
- His Home: His household is the proving ground for God's household.
- His Maturity: Giftedness can appear quickly. Character takes time.
- His Reputation: A man should not have one reputation in the church and another everywhere else.

KEY SCRIPTURES
1 Timothy 3:1–7; 1 Peter 5:2–3; Mark 10:45; Titus 1:9; Galatians 5:22–23; John 10:11

TAKE IT HOME
1. Am I more concerned with what I can accomplish or with the kind of person I am becoming?
2. What does my family see in me that others may never see?
3. If someone followed my example, would my life lead them closer to Jesus Christ? "The elder is not called to a different kind of Christianity. He is called to an exemplary Christianity."