

## Pastors Lead the Local Church [1 Timothy 3:1-7](#); [5:17-25](#)

### Intro.

If anyone aspires to...desires... = \_\_\_\_\_ by God to serve

a noble task = respectable \_\_\_\_\_

the office of overseer = a leadership \_\_\_\_\_ with God's authority

1. A local Church is led by \_\_\_\_\_.

[1 Peter 5:1](#) – I exhort the ELDERS (presbyteros) among you

v. 2 – PASTOR (poimainō / shepherd) the flock of God among you

v. 2 – Be an OVERSEER / BISHOP (episkopos) of the flock

2. How many do you have? At least \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is their role?

A. They \_\_\_\_\_ the flock.

[1 Timothy 3:1](#) – an overseer

B. They \_\_\_\_\_ the Church family.

[1 Timothy 5:17](#) – Let the elders who rule well

C. They \_\_\_\_\_ the Church family.

[1 Peter 5:2](#) – Shepherd (Pastor) the flock of God that is among you

D. They \_\_\_\_\_.

v. 2 – not under compulsion but willingly...eagerly

E. They serve \_\_\_\_\_.

v. 2 – not for shameful gain

F. They serve to \_\_\_\_\_.

v. 3 – not domineering over those in your charge

G. They serve as \_\_\_\_\_ of godliness.

v. 3 – but being examples to the flock

4. How are they placed into office?

A. They are \_\_\_\_\_ by a higher authority.

[Titus 1:5](#) – appoint elders in every town as I directed you

B. They are \_\_\_\_\_ by the Church family.

[Acts 6:3](#) – Choose from among you seven men...

5. A Pastor must have these qualities.

1 Timothy 3:2-7 – An overseer **MUST** be...

above reproach = \_\_\_\_\_ in his life would bring reproach to Christ, the Gospel, or the Church

the husband of one wife = \_\_\_\_\_ to his wife  
sober-minded, self-controlled = Fleshly restraint

respectable = \_\_\_\_\_ of respect  
hospitable = Sharing his heart, home, & goods

able to teach = \_\_\_\_\_ in accurately teaching Scripture  
not a drunkard = No abuse of substances

not violent but gentle = Not hurtful but \_\_\_\_\_  
not quarrelsome = Doesn't fight with words

not a lover of money = Isn't \_\_\_\_\_ by money  
manage his household well = Proven skill overseeing his family

not a recent convert = Spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ Christian  
well thought of = Respected by unbelievers

6. The Church is to \_\_\_\_\_ for them properly.  
1 Timothy 5:17-18 – *The laborer deserves his wages.*

7. The Church is to \_\_\_\_\_ their reputation.  
*v. 19 – Do not admit a charge...except with 2 – 3 witnesses*

8. Patiently choose men without \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v. 21-22 – doing nothing from partiality*

**Other:**

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For Sunday, Sept. 24: read 1 Timothy 3:8-13 & pgs. 33-42 in your study guide.