

Oak Hill Baptist Church



Can Woman be Pastors?

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Questions that Matter / 1 Timothy 3:1–13

1 Timothy 3:1–13 NASB95

It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires *to do*. An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. *He must be* one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), *and* not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. And he must have a good reputation with those outside *the church*, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. Deacons likewise *must be* men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain, *but* holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach. Women *must likewise be* dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things. Deacons must be husbands of *only* one wife, *and* good managers of *their* children and their own households. For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

The Authority Structure given by God.

Head - κεφαλή (kephalē), ἡς (ēs), ἡ (hē): n.fem.; ≡ DBLHebr 8031; Str 2776; TDNT 3.673—1. LN 8.10 head, the body part ([Mk 6:25](#)); **2. LN 87.51 superior, one of pre-eminent status, figurative extension of first entry (1Co 11:3; Eph 4:15)**; 3. LN 7.44 κεφαλή γωνίας (kephalē gōnias), cornerstone, as the important stone for building a proper foundation or possibly capstone in an arch (NIV), ([Mt 21:42](#); [Mk 12:10](#); [Lk 20:17](#); [Ac 4:11](#); [1Pe 2:7+](#)); 4. LN 49.16 κατὰ κεφαλῆς ἔχω (kata kephalēs echō), have one's head covered ([1Co 11:4+](#)); 5. LN 23.83 τὴν κεφαλὴν κλίνω (tēn kephalēn klinō), lie down to rest ([Mt 8:20](#); [Lk 9:58](#); [Jn](#)

[19:30+](#)); 6. LN 25.160 ἐπαίρω τὴν κεφαλὴν (epairō tēn kephalēn), have courage ([Lk 21:28+](#)); 7. LN 37.102 ἐπὶ τὴν κεφαλὴν (epi tēn kephalēn), take responsibility for ([Ac 18:6+](#)); 8. LN 25.199 cause to be ashamed ([Ro 12:20+](#))

1 Corinthians 11:3 NASB95

But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:8–9 NASB95

For man does not originate from woman, but woman from man; for indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but woman for the man's sake.

Ephesians 5:25 NASB95

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

Colossians 1:15–17 NASB95

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Authority in Church

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Overseer - ἐπισκοπή (episkopē), ἡς (ēs), ἡ (hē): n.fem.; ≡ DBLHebr 7212, 7213; Str 1984; TDNT 2.606—1. LN 34.51 visitation, a coming ([Lk 19:44](#); [1Pe 2:12+](#)); **2. LN 53.69 office as a church leader, office of overseer (1Ti 3:1+); 3. LN 35.40 position of responsibility (Ac 1:20+)**

Deacon - διάκονος (diakonos), ου (ou), ὁ (ho) and ἡ (hē): n.masc. and fem.; ≡ Str 1249; TDNT 2.88—1. LN 35.20 servant, one who serves, without necessarily having the office of deacon ([Mt 20:26](#); [Ro 16:1](#); [Eph 6:21](#); [1Th 3:2](#) v.r.), **2. LN**

53.67 deacon, one entrusted to serve the needs of believers (Php 1:1; Ro 16:1; Eph 6:21; 1Ti 3:8, 12)

Elder - πρεσβύτερος (presbyteros), ου (ou), ὁ (ho): n.masc. [BAGD adj.] [served by 4565]; ≡ DBLHebr 2418; Str 4245—1. LN 9.31 old man ([Ac 2:17+](#)); **2. LN 53.77 an elder, community leader (Mt 15:2; Ac 11:30; Ac 14:23; 1Ti 5:17, 19; 2Jn 1; 3Jn 1; Jn 8:9 v.r. NRSV)**

Shepherd - ποιμαίνω (poimainō): vb.; ≡ DBLHebr 8286; Str 4165; TDNT 6.485—1. LN 44.3 shepherd, caretaker of sheep or goats ([Lk 17:7](#); [1Co 9:7+](#)); **2. LN 36.2 guide and help (Mt 2:6; Jn 21:16; Ac 20:28; 1Pe 5:2; Jude 12; Rev 7:17+)**; 3. LN 37.57 rule, implying direct involvement ([Rev 2:27](#); [12:5](#); [19:15+](#))

Pastor - ποιμήν (poimēn), ἑνος (enos), ὁ (ho): n.masc.; ≡ DBLHebr 8286; Str 4166; TDNT 6.485—1. LN 44.4 shepherd, the Shepherd ([Mk 14:27](#); [Heb 13:20](#); [1Pe 2:25](#)); 2. LN 53.72 minister, pastor ([Eph 4:11+](#))

1 Peter 5:1–2 NASB95

Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as *your* fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will of God*; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;

Ephesians 4:11 NASB95

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

John 10:11 NASB95

“I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

Apostle - ἀπόστολος (apostolos), ου (ou), ὁ (ho): n.masc.; ≡ DBLHebr 8938; Str 652; TDNT 1.407—1. LN 53.74 apostle, a special messenger of Jesus Christ, a restricted group, the exact number variously reckoned ([Mt 10:2](#); [Ac 1:2](#), [26](#); [Ac 14:14](#); [1Co 12:28](#), [29](#)); 2. LN 33.194 messenger, envoy, one sent ([Jn 13:16](#); [2Co 8:23](#); [Php 2:25](#))

Matthew 16:18 NASB95

“I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

Prophets - προφήτης (prophētēs), ου (ou), ό (ho): n.masc.; ≡ DBLHebr 5566; DBLAram 10455; Str 4396; TDNT 6.781—1. LN 53.79 prophet, a proclaimer of God’s utterances ([Mt 1:22](#); [Ac 21:10](#)); 2. LN 33.60 (pl.), (the writings of) the Prophets, a part of a two-fold ([Ac 24:14](#)), or three-fold ([Lk 24:44](#)) division of the Jewish Scriptures

Evangelist - εὐαγγελιστής (euangelistēs), οὔ (ou), ό (ho): n.masc.; ≡ Str 2099; TDNT 2.736—LN 53.76 evangelist, proclaimer of the gospel ([Ac 21:8](#); [Eph 4:11](#); [2Ti 4:5+](#))

Galatians 3:8 NASB95

The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, *saying*, “ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU.”

Acts 21:8 NASB95

On the next day we left and came to Caesarea, and entering the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, we stayed with him.

Ephesians 4:11–12 NASB95

And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

Pastor - ποιμήν (poimēn), ένος (enos), ό (ho): n.masc.; ≡ DBLHebr 8286; Str 4166; TDNT 6.485—1. LN 44.4 shepherd, the Shepherd ([Mk 14:27](#); [Heb 13:20](#); [1Pe 2:25](#)); 2. LN 53.72 minister, pastor ([Eph 4:11+](#))

Acts 20:28 NASB95

“Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Teacher - διδάσκαλος (didaskalos), ου (ou), ό (ho)διδάσκαλος (didaskalos), ου (ou), ό (ho): n.masc.; ≡ Str 1320; TDNT 2.148—LN 33.243 teacher, instructor ([Mt 10:24](#), [25](#); [23:8](#); [Jn 1:38](#); [13:13](#), [14](#); [20:16](#); [Ac 13:1](#); [1Co 12:28](#), [29](#); [Eph 4:11](#); [2Ti 4:3](#); [Heb 5:12](#); [Jas 3:1](#); [Jn 8:4](#))

2 Timothy 1:5 NASB95

For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that *it is* in you as well.