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Context of the Pastoral Epistles

- **Author:** Paul
- **Audience:** Timothy & Titus
- **Situation:** Paul writes to two young pastors to help them navigate leadership in church community.

The offices of the church

- Pastors
 - The noble task of leading and overseeing (1 Tim. 3:1)
 - Qualifications for Pastors
 - Teach for the Glory of Christ not self-exultation
- Deacons
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 - Test their faith
 - The expectations of Wives
 - The honor of serving as a deacon

The authority of the church

- God's authority through His word (2 Timothy 3-4)
 - The inspired God-Breathed Word
 - The inerrant Word
 - The God who never lies
- Leaders under God's authority
 - The Guard for the Truth
 - Preaching the Word in Power
 - Fulfill the Ministry unto Christ
 - The rewards of faithful ministry

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Discussion Guide

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Intro Question: Can you think of any great men or women who were known for their humility?

The offices of the Church

Pastors

Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7 & Titus 1:5-16. What does Paul set out as the specific Qualifications for Pastors? Why is it important for Pastors to meet these expectations?

- There are many different qualifications for Pastors which are all important to know and live by, as they are the elders and leaders of the Church, and should as such be the models for the Church to follow, living above reproach.

Deacons

Read 1 Timothy 3:8-13. How do the Qualifications for Deacons differ from those of a Pastor/Overseer? Why do there seem to be no specific Competencies as there are for Pastors.

- We can see that many of the qualifications for Deacons are similar or the same as Pastors, yet there are know specific competencies for teaching, as the role of a deacon, the virtues and character are more important than giftings.

The authority of the Church

God's authority through His Word

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17. What does it mean that ALL Scripture is breathed out by God? How does this affect us today?

- Everything that is in the Bible is inspired by the one true God, meaning that everything you read and say from the Scripture is truly God's own Word. That it is profitable for teaching, just as God's Words from Jesus are to the disciples and those who listen, this is what the Bible is to us. The Bible teaches us and molds us as we read it and hear it preached into the Image of Christ.

Leaders under God's authority

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8. In Verse 2, what do you think Paul means when he says out of season? How should we submit to our leaders and who would those leaders be?

- 2 Timothy 4:2 is important, as leaders are called to preach the Word, whether it is convenient or inconvenient, you should always be prepared to share the Gospel and teach. This is what it means to Paul says in or out of season, not that there are specifically seasons of preaching like there are seasons in the year. Leaders can be Pastors within the Church, teachers, and your parents. By submitting to what they teach and their authority you honor them.

Answer to Remember: The letters of the New Testament are God's inspired instructions to His people about the gospel, the Christian life, and the Church.

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Teaching Resources

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[Bible Project video: 2 Timothy Overview](#)

[Bible Project video: Titus Overview](#)

[Capitol Hill Baptist Church Core Seminar: NT Overview](#)

[12 Week Series: 1 & 2 Timothy & Titus](#)