

“QUALIFICATIONS OF CHURCH LEADERSHIP”

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1 Timothy 3:1-13 (NASB)

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1. THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A PASTOR.

1 Timothy 3:1-13 (NASB) ¹ It is a trustworthy statement: if any **man** aspires to the office of **overseer**, it is a fine work **he** desires *to do*. ² An **overseer**, then, must be **above reproach**, the **husband of one wife**, **temperate**, **prudent**, **respectable**, **hospitable**, **able to teach**, ³ **not addicted to wine** or **pugnacious**, but **gentle**, **peaceable**, **free from the love of money**. ⁴ *He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity* ⁵ (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), ⁶ **and not a new convert**, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. ⁷ 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.

2. THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A DEACON.

⁸ **Deacons** likewise *must be* men of **dignity**, **not double-tongued**, or **addicted to much wine** or **fond of sordid gain**, ⁹ *but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience*. ¹⁰ **These men must also first be tested**; then let them serve as deacons **if they are beyond reproach**. ¹¹ **Women *must likewise be* dignified**, **not malicious gossips**, but **temperate**, **faithful in all things**. ¹² **Deacons must be husbands of *only one wife*, and good managers of *their* children and their own households**. ¹³ 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.