

A Man on a Mission

1 Timothy 3:1-7

1 Timothy: Living Love in the Local Church, part 7

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- Church leadership effects every believer and follower of Christ therefore this subject is of vital importance to all Christians.
- There are two offices in the local church, pastors and deacons, Phil.1:1; 1 Tim.3:1-14
- Christians are admonished to:
 - 1.) _____ them which labor among you, 1 Thess.5:12-13
 - 2.) _____ them which lead you, Heb.13:7
 - 3.) _____ and submit to those which lead you, Heb.13:17

1. A Man with a _____ for the Work, v.1

- With desire, he sets his heart upon this good work
- Three words used interchangeably in the NT refer to the same office:

A. Bishop/Overseer (*episkopos*): The _____ of the work (Acts 20:28, Tit.1:7; 1 Pet.2:25)

B. Pastor (*poimen*), The _____ to the work (Eph.4:11; Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-3)

C. Elder (*presbuteros*): The _____ in the work (1 Tim.5:17; Titus 1:5-9)

2. A Man with a _____ worthy of the work, 1 Tim.3:2-7

- “Blameless” is the overarching characteristic over all the others qualifications. This is one above reproach so that no one can lay a hand on his character and injure his reputation.

A. In his _____ life:

- Blameless, vigilant (temperate and watchful), sober (self controlled), of good behavior (modest & well ordered life), no striker (not quick tempered), not greedy, patient (gentle), not covetous. Titus: not self-willed, not soon angry, just, holy, temperate (having power over one’s passions).

B. In his _____ life:

- Blameless, the husband of one wife, ruling his house, children in subjection.

C. In his _____ life:

- Blameless & of good behavior (modest & well ordered life), given to hospitality, no striker, not given to wine, no striker, not a brawler (not violent or abusive), a good report of them outside the church.

D. In his _____ life:

- Blameless and apt to teach, not a novice (spiritually mature. He loves the Word of God and prayer. Titus: holding fast the Word & able by sound doctrine.

**3. A Man who can _____ the Word,
1 Tim.3:2**

Acts 20:28: Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, **to feed the church of God**, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Titus 1:9; Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

1 Peter 5:1-3; Feed the flock of God... not by constraint, but willingly, not for filthy lucre but of a ready mind: neither as lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

**4. A Man who is _____ in the
Word, 1 Tim.3:6, 7**

