

Life In Community
A Properly Led Community
Titus 1:5-9

- I. This Is Almost Identical To 1 Timothy 3:1-7
 - A. Both give a description of the “overseer” (bishop)
 - B. Both include the following:
 - 1. Above reproach
 - 2. Husband of one wife
 - 3. Temperate/not quick tempered/Self-controlled
 - 4. Manage household well (particularly children)
 - 5. Prudent/sensible
 - 6. Hospitable
 - 7. Able to teach/Holding fast the faithful word for exhortation and rebuke
 - 8. Not addicted to wine
 - 9. Not pugnacious
 - 10. Free from love of money/not fond of sordid gain
 - C. To hear the recent sermon on 1 Timothy 3:1-7: <https://www.sylvaniachurch.com/podcast/place-elders/>
- II. Some Key Differences
 - A. Two distinct terms are used to describe this work: elder (presbuteros) and overseer (episkopos)
 - 1. Are these two distinct offices?
 - 2. OR Are these two ways of speaking about the same role?
 - B. “Children who believe”

- 1. If a man has unrepentant, non-Christian children, does that disqualify him from ministry?
 - 2. Various opinions
 - C. “Not self-willed” – arrogant
 - 1. Used here “The belief that you are better than everyone else”
 - 2. Always looking down on everyone else”
 - D. Loving what is good
 - 1. A character quality
 - 2. Affection not limit to the “obviously religiously spiritual”
 - 3. This includes a genuine affection for all things consider to be good
 - E. Devout
 - 1. This is the word for “holy”
 - 2. Usually in reference to moral quality
- III. Application for The Church Community
 - A. No matter where the church was established – the model was to establish this sort of leadership
 - B. The leadership qualities have more to do with character than skill
 - C. The primary skill needed is a demonstration of being able to teach the Word
 - D. There should be a healthy balance of strength of resolve and humble willingness to serve