

"TO TIMOTHY, MY TRUE CHILD IN THE FAITH..."

PAUL'S LETTERS TO TIMOTHY



INSTRUCTIONS FOR LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENT

1 Timothy 3

1 It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do.

OVERSEERS:

- What is Paul emphasizing by saying "It is a trustworthy statement"?
- What is an "overseer"?
 - Also known as...
 - Acts 20:28 _____
 - Acts 20:28 _____
 - Acts 20:17
 - What does the word "aspire" imply about the heart of a man who might be appointed to the position of overseer?
 - What does 1 Peter 5:2 tell us regarding the heart of the potential overseer
- Since this letter is strongly believed to have been written after Paul's farewell address to the elders of Ephesus in Acts 20, why is Paul writing to Timothy who is in Ephesus about the appointment of elders and deacons?
- If any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do...
- Names for the office (see Acts 20:17-28)...
- Overseer (Episcopos / Bishop) — implying what?

- Elder (Presbyter) — implying what?

- Shepherd (Pastor) — implying what?

- What is the responsibility of the office?

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

- Ephesians 4:11-16 — building up and equipping the church for service
- Acts 20:28-31 — guarding the church from false teaching AND providing proper examples
- Hebrews 13:17 — watch over the souls of the members of the church
- 1 Peter 5:1-3 — exercising gentle oversight over the church
- 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15 — diligently labor and teach in the church

• What are the qualities the Lord is seeking

- above reproach — _____
- the husband of one wife — _____
- temperate — _____
- sensible — _____
- dignified — _____
- hospitable — _____
- apt teacher — _____
- no drunkard — _____
- not violent — _____
- gentle — _____
- not quarrelsome — _____
- no lover of money — _____
- manage his own household well — _____
- keeping his children submissive and respectful in every way; for if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how can he care for God's church? — _____
- not be a recent convert, or he may be puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil — _____

those outside the church, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

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

- he must be well thought of by outsiders, or he may fall into reproach and the snare of the devil." —

DEACONS LIKEWISE...

- What does "deacon" mean? —

- What do deacons do? Acts 6:1ff —

- What are the qualities of the deacons that God is seeking?
 - men of dignity —

 - not double-tongued —

 - not addicted to much wine —

 - not fond of sordid gain —

 - holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience —

 - must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach —

- wives
 - must likewise be dignified —

 - not malicious gossips —

 - temperate —

 - faithful in all things —

- husbands of only one wife —

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.

¹⁴ I am writing these things to you, hoping
 to come to you before long; ¹⁵ but in case I
 am delayed, I write so that you will know
 how one ought to conduct himself in the
 household of God, which is the church of the
 living God, the pillar and support of the truth.
¹⁶ By common confession, great is the
 mystery of godliness:

He who was revealed in the flesh,

Was vindicated in the Spirit,

Seen by angels,

Proclaimed among the nations,

Believed on in the world,

Taken up in glory.

- good managers of their children and their own households —

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- How does God look at serving as a deacon?

- Why do you suppose Paul mentions this?

- What would 1 Corinthians 12 say about this?

- What does Paul's statement in vv. 14,15 tell us about the urgency of getting the church properly organized?

- "House" of God may be talking a temple of God

- Draw a line to the pillar



- Draw a line to the support

- Draw a line to the story of the pediment.

AN EARLY HYMN — 1 TIMOTHY 3:16 "BY COMMON CONFESSION, GREAT IS THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS (PRACTICE OF DEVOTION):

- He who was revealed in the _____,
- Was vindicated in the _____,
- Seen by _____,
- Proclaimed among the _____,
- Believed on in the _____,
- Taken up in _____."