



Elders  
Overseers  
Shepherds

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1Timothy 3:1-7



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- Elder – older – a term of rank or office – those who preside over assemblies or churches
- Overseer – guardian, keeper, Shepherd
- Steward, manager, guardian

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- 1Tim. 3:1 – “If anyone aspires the office of overseer...he desires a noble task.”
- Experience
- Not a recent convert – may become puffed up with conceit and thus fall into the same condemnation as the devil (only in Timothy)



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- Domestic relations
  - Husband of one wife – manages his own house well with all dignity, keeping his children submissive, children are believers and not open to charge of debauchery or insubordination (being wild and disobedient NIV) – if he cannot manage his own house, how can he manage God's church



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- Reputation

- Above reproach, as God's steward – self-controlled – respectable – hospitable – well thought of by outsiders so he will not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil – a lover of good – upright – holy – disciplined

- A necessary limitation (Paul & Barnabas – Jesus)

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- Character and habits
  - Sober minded – not a drunkard – not violent but gentle – not quarrelsome – not a lover of money, greedy of gain – not arrogant, nor self-willed – not quick tempered



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- Intellectual

- Able to teach – holding firmly to the trustworthy word as taught, so he can give instruction in sound doctrine and to rebuke those who contradict it

- Grover