INSTRUCTIONS ON CHURCH LEADERSHIP 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-13





FIGHT FOR GODINESS A STUDY OF 1 TIMOTHY



1 TIMOTHY 3:1 NIV

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Prescribed Duties: Governs 1 Timothy 5:17 Shepherds Acts 20:28 Guards/Teaches Truth Acts 6:4 Prays James 5:16 Manages Finances Acts 11:30



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- Faithful in marriage
- Temperate
- Self-controlled
- Respectable
- Hospitable
- Able to teach

- Not given to drunkenness
- Not violent
- Gentle
- Not quarrelsome
- Not a lover of money
- Manage children and household
- Not a recent convert
- Good reputation with outsiders



"Those who are choosing elders in churches today would do well to look carefully at candidates in light of these qualifications, and to look for these character traits and godly living rather than worldly achievement, fame or success."

> DR. WAYNE GRUDEM SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

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1 TIMOTHY 3:4-5 NIV

He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. ⁵ (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)

1 TIMOTHY 3:6-7 NIV

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. ⁷ He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

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1 TIMOTHY 3:8-10 NIV

In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁹ They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.

1 TIMOTHY 3:11-13 NIV

In the same way, the women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. ¹² A deacon must be faithful to his wife and must manage his children and his household well. ¹³ Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.



The Role of Deacon

Diakonos: humble servant Acts 6:1-6

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"Christian ministry and leadership is without question a matter of character. One's authentic spirituality and Christian character is everything in church leadership."

> BRYAN CHAPELL TO GUARD THE GOOD DEPOSIT



Godly churches are led by godly people.



HEBREWS 13:17 NIV

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Our Response



The highest church office requires the highest standard.

