

## I TIMOTHY: LESSON 3

### I. PAUL INSTRUCTS TIMOTHY AS TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF OVERSEERS IN THE CHURCH (3:1-7)

- A. The good work of overseeing must be desired (v.1)
- B. Reputation: must be without reproach, being blameless (v.2)
- C. Domestic: the husband of one wife (v.2)
- D. Character: temperate or vigilant (v.2)
- E. Character: sober minded or prudent (v.2)
- F. Character: orderly, of good behavior, respectable (v.2)
- G. Character: given to hospitality (v.2)
- H. Ability: apt to teach (v.2)
- I. Character: no brawler, not given or addicted to wine (v.3)
- J. Character: no striker, not pugnacious or violent (v.3)
- K. Character: not greedy of filthy lucre – sordid gain (v.3)
- L. Character: gentle or patient (v.3)
- M. Character: not contentious, not quarrelsome – not a brawler (v. 3)
- N. Character: no lover of money, not covetous (v.3)
- O. Domestic: rules well his own house; manages his own household well (v. 4)
- P. Domestic: has children in subjection with all gravity or under control with all dignity (v. 4-5).
- Q. Character: not a novice – not a new convert (v.6)
- R. Reputation: has a good testimony of the that are without – good reputation with those outside the church (v.7).

### QUESTIONS:

1. Bishops, elders, and pastors are:
  - (a). three different officers of the church.
  - (b). the same men whose common work and qualifications are reflected in the different names.
  - (c). The same officers responsible for three different works.
2. In desiring the office of a bishop, a man is:
  - (a). seeking merely an office with a dignified title.
  - (b). seeking to be recognized as a leader in the church.
  - (c). seeking a work where God and His people can be best served.
3. Give the POSITIVE qualification that contrasts with the following NEGATIVE qualifications:
  - (a). An overseer must be without reproach - \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b). An overseer must not be a striker - \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Why must a bishop rule well his own house?

5. Why must a bishop not be a new convert?
  
6. Why must a bishop have a good testimony from non-Christians?
  
7. GIVE THE QUALIFICATIONS THAT BEST FIT THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS:
  - (a). “able to instruct others in God’s word” - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b). “cannot be ‘laid hold of’ in any wrong-doing” - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (c). “one-woman-type-of-man” - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (d). “children obeying their father out of respect or veneration for him.”  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  - (e). “stays away from the presence of wine and thus its ugly behavioral effects.” –  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  - (f). “Does not have a quarrelsome spirit.” - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (g). “not a bully or violent person.” - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (h). “Manifests wise, thoughtful and sensible judgment.” - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (i). “alert, prepared for decisive action.” - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (j). “tempers justice with mercy” - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (k). “manifest a ‘love of strangers’” - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (l). “not greedy” - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (m). “not inclined to shameful profit making” - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (n). “a gentleman in conduct and appearance” - \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Do the qualifications of bishops also apply as qualifications of the faithful Christian?
2. Who cannot serve as an overseer because of the qualification: “must be...the husband of one wife”?
3. Do apostate children, who are grown and maintain their own household disqualify their father serving as an elder?