

Series "Entrusted With The Truth"
"Overseer Of The Church"
1 Timothy 3:1-7
Study-7

Luke 6:40

Ecclesiastes 9:15

Acts 14:23

1. Verse 1 – The Position Of The Pastor

2. Verses 2-7 – Qualification Of A Pastor

1. Verse 1 – The Position Of The Pastor:

1 Tim 3:1

"It is a trustworthy statement": A literal translation is "faithful is the word"

"if any man aspires" – "to covet, to reach out after, to stretch oneself toward, to aspire to"

"it is a fine work he desires to do." – stresses "an intense emotional desire"

"overseer," – According to the New Testament, there are 3 Terms:
"Overseer (Bishop)," "Pastor," and "Elder" are used synonymously.

1 Peter 5:1-2

1. Bishop means "Overseer"; It is derived from two verbs that mean "to visit" or "to look upon, to inspect as an overseer or a superintendent, or in modern terms, a foreman"
2. "Elder" is the translation of the Greek word which means "an old man"; reflects the "maturity and dignity of the office"; Mature people with spiritual wisdom and experience.
3. "Pastor" means "Shepherd"; "one who leads and cares for the flock of God."

The English translation "Pastor" is found only once in the New Testament (Eph. 4:11).

John 10:11

Heb. 13:20

The Work: "it is a fine work he desires to do."

1. A Pastor is to Shepherd and to Feed.
2. The "Overseer" is to give oversight to the church and to guard the church from the inroads of error; Protecting – Acts 20:29-31

Example to the flock – 1 Peter 5:2

3. The term "elder" refers to the individual's position and to the respect others give him.

2. Verses 2-7 – Qualification Of A Pastor:

1 Tim 3:2

Verses 2-3 – Moral Qualities: "above reproach," – The adjective "blameless" serves as a general description of the person's life.

The adjective literally means "not to be taken upon." "Nothing brought against him will stick. He must be "un-rebuke able"

1 Tim 3:7

Marital Qualification: "the husband of one wife," – Literally reads "one-woman man"

The pastoral candidate cannot have more than one living wife. The phrase therefore prohibits non-biblical divorce and remarriage; Truly a one woman man, no other woman, no other woman in his life but his wife.

"temperate" – sober "A clear-headed person" is "one who is wise, and cautious. He is alert to what is going on around him, and yet he is calm."

"prudent" – literally means "sound-minded, Self-controlled, A sober person thinks straight. He is not mentally confused"

"respectable" – Orderly, "of good behavior, not chaos"

"hospitable" – literally means "a lover of strangers"

"able to teach" – A pastor must be "apt to teach, willing and able to teach", 2 Timothy 2:24

A Teacher Must First Be Taught: 1 Timothy 4:6

2 Timothy 2:2

1 Tim 3:3

“not addicted to wine” – The phrase literally reads “not beside wine, not lingering with the cup, drunkenness”

“pugnacious,” – Not Violent, “not a giver of blows”

“gentle,” – better rendering “patient, fair” A pastor must be actively considerate toward those who have mistreated him and who differ with his policies.

“uncontentious,” – (Peaceful) not quarrelsome; Greek word “amachos” we get Macho. The pastor must not be “without war”; Noncombatant. 2 Timothy 2:24-25

Proverbs 16:32

“free from the love of money.” – The Greek word literally means “not a lover of silver.”

1 Timothy 6:10

Verses 4-5 – Home Life: 1 Tim 3:4

1. The Pastor Must Rule Well: “He must be one who manages his own household well,”

The pastor manages; The verb means “to stand before.”

2. The Pastor Must Parent Well: “keeping his children under control” – The children – “those who have not yet attained adulthood”

Three features of the Pastor's Fatherhood are presented:

1. His Control Of His Children Must Be Constant: “keeping his children” – The present tense of the verb “keeping” stresses the habit of his life.
2. The Children Must Be Under Control – “in subjection”
3. The Pastor Must Parent with all dignity, “with all gravity”, Ephesians 6:4

Verse 5 – A Poor Father Will Not Make A Good Pastor: 1 Tim 3:5

Verse 6 – Spiritual Maturity (Time): 1 Tim 3:6

“a new convert,” – literally means a “new plant”, “novice”

2 Dangers For a Premature Position of Leadership:

1. The Pastor Could become conceited, “lifted up with pride”
2. The Pastor could fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil.

1 Timothy 5:22

Verse 7 – Public Reputation (Impact): 1 Tim 3:7

2 Problems With A Person Without A Good Reputation From The Lost:

1. He Could Fall Into “reproach”; Reproaches are verbal accusations hurled at another.
2. The Pastor Could Fall Into the snare of the devil. Satan could use a fault.

Application:

1. The Quality and Faithfulness of the Man, Determines the Teaching and the Very Direction of the Church.
2. The Office of Overseer Demands the Dual Responsibilities of Pastoring and Teaching.
3. The Pastor Must Be Above Reproach – Nothing brought against Him Will Stick.
4. Being A Poor Father, Hastening Spiritual Maturity, and A Poor Public Reputation Will Result in A Negative Impact For God And The Church.