

## 1 Timothy 3:1-3, 7-11

<sup>1</sup>It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do. <sup>2</sup>An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup>not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money.

<sup>7</sup>And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

<sup>8</sup>Deacons likewise must be men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain, <sup>9</sup>but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup>These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.

<sup>11</sup>Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things.

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### SERMON NOTES

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## Looking for Leaders

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### PICKING A PASTOR

v. 1 aspire – “to reach, to stretch”

Triangle of influence – call of God, affirmation of people, willingness of candidate

“There I was, against the whole church, against a church profoundly moved. There was not a dry eye in the house...I was thrown into the stream, and just had to swim.” --George W. Truett

Overseer – authority  
Elder – maturity  
Shepherd – responsibility  
Acts 2:17, 28

Respectable – *kosmios* (cosmos)  
Hospitable – *philo xenia* (lover of strangers)  
Good reputation with outsiders – *marturion* (witness)

### PROTECTING A PASTOR

Moses – Exodus 18; Numbers 11:14

“I alone am not able to carry all these people...  
it is too burdensome for me.”

Matthew 25:40 “What you did for my brothers, you did for me.”