

# 1 Timothy - Chapter 3 verses 1 to 7

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**Chapter 3** This chapter deals with the ministry of the Pastor, his walk, and his work. This chapter may not seem important to the average member however, it is particularly important especially in selecting a new under Sheppard. This chapter will aid in identifying the man God send to be his spokesman and local church leader.

**Verse 1** – Paul states that the man who seeks the office of Bishop or overseer desires a noble or honorable task. Pastors in the local church today fill the New Testament role of Elder, Bishop and Overseer, and is responsible to God for the spiritual welfare of the church. God will judge and reward these Pastors according to their faithfulness in leading the church to accomplish God's will.

- **Acts 20:28**
- **1Peter 5:4**

**There are seven (7) different titles used in the New Testament for Pastors:**

1. Elders (emphasizing the Pastor's wisdom and maturity)
2. Bishop (emphasizes the administrative function of the office)
3. Pastor (emphasizes the responsibility of caring for the church)
4. Preacher (emphasizes the ministry of publicly proclaiming God's Word)
5. Teacher (emphasizes that the Pastor should be able to teach)
6. Servant ( the Pastor role to minister to others)
7. Steward ( the Pastor should be able to manage the property of others (the church of Christ))

**Verse 2** – The Pastor or Overseer must be blameless which mean irreproachable, impeccable in reputation. The Pastor must be the husband of one wife and faithful to that wife. The pastor must be vigilant which mean he must be temperate or calm and pleasant. The Pastor must be led by the spirit and not controlled by fleshly passions and lustful desires. The pastor must be sober which mean to be sound minded and possessing good judgement. The pastor must maintain good behavior which mean living an orderly life. A pastor must be hospitable which means warmly receives strangers and treats guests generously. The Pastor should be skillful in teaching scripture.

**Verse 3** – This verse states that the Pastor should not be a drunkard which means addicted to wine or any mood-altering drink or substance. The Pastor should not be a striker or physically violent. The Pastor should not be greedy which means seeking dishonest gain. The pastor should possess patient which means not confrontational but peaceful to others. The Pastor should not be covetous which means not being a lover of money. The Pastor priority is not making money but the care for the spiritual welfare of souls.

**Verse 4** – The Pastor should ruleth well his own household which mean he should be able to manage his family based on the right biblical principles. The Pastor does not compromise sound biblical doctrine to get along with the family. The Pastor should have his children in subjection which mean they should have good manners and be under authority.

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**Verse 5** – Paul reasoning in verse 4 is that if a man poorly manages or runs his own household he is incapable of providing proper leadership to the church family.

**Verse 6** - Paul states that the Pastor should not be a novice (new convert) or beginner or learner, nor trainee, because they could get caught up with pride being put into a position of leadership and authority too soon which can lead to falling into the ways of the devil.

**Verse 7** – The Pastor should have a good report among non-believers, they might not like him however, they should respect his biblical principles and his steadfastness. If non-believers have no respect for the Pastor or have justified criticism of the Pastor he is likely to be a target for disgrace and the traps brought on by the devil.

- **1Timothy 6:9**
- **2Timothy 2:26**