

HOW THE CHURCH SHOULD WORK *Based on the book of 1 Timothy*

Part 3 *(Chapter 3)* **The Office of Pastors & Deacons**

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1 Timothy 3 KJV

This is a true saying, if a man **desire the office of a bishop**, he desireth a good work.

2 A bishop then **must be blameless**, the husband of one wife, **vigilant, sober**, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

3 **Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;**

4 One that **ruleth well his own house**, having his children in **subjection** with all gravity;

5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

6 **Not a novice**, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

7 Moreover he must **have a good report of them which are without**; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

the office of a bishop or overseer in Paul's day, attended as it was with hardship and often persecution, would not seem to the world generally a desirable and "good work."

Robert Jamieson, A. R. Fausset, and David Brown, [*Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible*](#),

The Qualifications of a Bishop/ Overseer

1. Have A Good Reputation

2. Having One Spouse

3. Vigilant (Watchful)

4. **Sober (Spiritually)**
5. **Good Behavior**
6. **Given To Hospitality**
7. **Apt To Teach**
8. **Not Addicted to Alcohol**
9. **No Violent**
10. **Not Greedy for Money**
11. **Patient**
12. **Not Quarrelsome**
13. **Not Covetous**
14. **Manage His House Well**
15. **Not A Beginner**
16. **Have A Good Report with Outsiders**

8 Likewise must the deacons **be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;**

9 Holding the **mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.**

10 And let these also **first be proved;** then let them use the office of a deacon, being **found blameless.**

11 Even so must their **wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.**

12 Let the deacons be the **husbands of one wife,** ruling their children and their own houses well.

13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Qualifications Of A Deacon

1. **Grave / Serious**
2. **Not Two Faced**

3. **Not Overindulged in Alcohol**
4. **Not Greedy For Money**
5. **Pure Conscientious**
6. **Be Proven**
7. **Have A Good Reputation**
8. **Having One Spouse**

Qualifications of Deacon's Spouses (See Romans 16:1 NIV)

1. **Grave/ Serious**
2. **Not Slanderers**
3. **Faithful**

14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:
15 But if I tarry long, **that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God**, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

The Purpose is to let Timothy and every Church leader since, know how a Church should operate.

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was **manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.**

1. **Came In the Flesh- 1 John 4:2**
2. **Approved by The Spirit- Matthew 3:17**
3. **Seen By Angels- Matthew 4:11**
4. **Preached To the Gentiles (The World)- Acts 2:1-12**
5. **Received back to Heaven- Acts 1:11**