

Pastoral Qualification Part III

1 Timothy 3: 4 – 7

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Series: Conduct in God's House

1 Timothy 3: 1 - 7

¹ It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires *to do*. ² An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. ⁴ *He must be* one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity ⁵ (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), ⁶ *and* not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. ⁷ 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.

Above Reproach Review. Vv. 1 -3

- Husband of one wife.
- Temperate, prudent.
- Respectable.
- Hospitable.
- Apt to teach.
- Not addicted to wine, pugnacious.
- Gentle, peaceable.
- Free from the love of money

Above Reproach in the Home. V.v.

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- The Family is the proving ground for leadership skills.
 - Manages means presides over or has authority over.
 - Well could be translated excellently.
 - The Pastor must be a good steward of house and money.
 - It is assumed in this text that the average Pastor will be married and have children.
 - The household is under control- a military term.
 - The pastor's children are respectful, well-disciplined, and believers (cf. Titus 1: 6).
 - Dignity includes courtesy, humility, competence.

Four Keys to Producing Children Who Bring Honor to parents.

- A father must exercise the authority that makes it advisable for his children to obey.
- A father must have enough wisdom to make it natural and reasonable for his children to obey.
- A father must show love that makes it delightful to obey.
- A father must be able to convince his children of the urgency, priority, and privileges of salvation and obedience to the Word of God.
- If a Pastor cannot show his example in the home, he does not qualify to be a Pastor.

Above Reproach in Maturity and Reputation. Vv. 6 – 7.

- Not a new convert.
 - Placing a man in leadership role exposes him to the temptation of pride.
 - A Pastor must be drawn from the most spiritually mature in the congregation
 - Conceited means to puff up like a cloud of smoke.
 - He falls into the same kind of judgment pronounced by God on the Devil.
- A good reputation in the community.
 - Those outside the church must recognize him as a man of impeccable reputation.
 - The Devil seeks to set traps to discredit the Pastor.

Conclusion

- Leaders face many temptations from the very nature of their position.
 - The temptation of discouragement, and failing to live up to the high standards they set.
 - Temptations because people fail to grow or respond or who fall away.
 - Temptation to indifference, and “busy laziness,” taking the path of least resistance and doing what they want to do, not what needs to be done.
 - Temptation to compromise, and then to also face all the temptations common to all other Christians.