

1 Timothy 3:1-15

**Required Character of Leaders
in the Church**

Introduction

Fulfilling the Call

- Teach sound doctrine
- Preach the Gospel
- Defend the faith
- Answer the call
- Wage warfare with faith and a good conscience

Order in the Congregation

- Corporate prayer

Introduction

Everything rises or falls with leadership, whether it be a family or a local church. The Holy Spirit imparts gifts to believers for ministry in the local church, and among those gifts are “pastors and teachers” (Ephesians 4:11) and “helps” and “governments” (“administration,” 1 Corinthians 12:28 NIV).

- Warren Wiersbe

God gives church leaders authority to benefit the church, not themselves.

– Benjamin Morrison

V 1

Desiring a Good Work

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- **Episkopos/presbuteros – both used interchangeably as elder, is the administrative obligation to the church.**
- **Poimen – shepherd is the teaching and relational obligation to the church.**

V 1: Desiring a Good Work

“For it is no light matter to represent God’s Son in such a great task as erecting and extending God’s kingdom, in caring for the salvation of souls whom the Lord Himself has deigned to purchase with His own blood, and ruling the Church which is God’s inheritance.”

(Calvin – quoted by D Guzik)

Vv 2-7

Qualifications for the Good Work

Vv 2-7: Qualifications for the Good Work

James 3:1

My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

Vv 2-7: Qualifications for the Good Work

“This does not mean he has no sense of humor, or that he is always solemn and somber. Rather it suggests that he knows the value of things and does not cheapen the ministry or the Gospel message by foolish behavior.”

(Wiersbe)

Vv 2-7: Qualifications for the Good Work

*Ministry would be
great if not for these
people!*

Vv 2-7: Qualifications for the Good Work

Able to Teach

Neh 8:8 So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense and helped [them] to understand the reading.

Read, explain, apply

V 8a

**Deacons, The Practical
Servants of the Church**

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Acts 6:3

"Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of [good] reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;

V 8b-12

Character of a Deacon

V 13

A Promise for Deacons

Vv 14-15

The Reason for Writing

Vv 14-15: Application

An Orderly Church to Glorify God

Vv 14-15: An Orderly Church to Glorify God

**Please turn to
Matthew 16:13-18**

MEDITATION VERSE

1 Timothy 3:15

*...so that you may know how you ought to
conduct yourself in the house of God,
which is the church of the living God,
the pillar and ground of the truth.*

BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The grace of the Lord Jesus
Christ, and the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit
[be] with you all. Amen.*