

What Does the Bible Tell Us About the Church?
"The Church's Leadership"
1 Timothy 3:1-7

I. His C_____ (v. 1a)

- a. God only gives us one (1) office of Leadership in the New Testament Church and it has three (3) interchangeable names (1 Peter 5:1-2; cf. Acts 20:17; Eph. 4:11)
 - i. **Elder (*Presbuteros* / πρεσβύτερος) = Authority**
 - ii. **Overseer (*Episcopos* / ἐπίσκοπος) = Responsibility**
 - iii. **Pastor or Shepherd (*Poimeino* / ποιμαίνω) = Duty**
- b. God Charges these men to:
 - i. **Rule Well, Preach, & Teach** (1 Tim. 5:17)
 - ii. **Guard & Shepherd the Flock** (Acts 20:28)
 - iii. **Diligently Labor In, Have Charge Over, & Instruct the Church** (1 Thess. 5:12)
 - iv. **Lead the Church & Speak God's Word** (Heb. 13:7)
 - v. **Remain Faithful, Encourage Sound Doctrine, & Refute False Teaching** (Titus 1:9)

II. His C_____ (v. 1b)

- a. **He Must be a M_____** (cf. 1 Tim. 2:12)
- b. **He Must A_____ to the Office (*oregomai* / ὀρέγομαι) = "to reach out after"**
- c. **He Must D_____ this Fine Work (*epithymeō* / ἐπιθυμέω) = "a strong passion"**

III. His C_____ (vs. 2-7)

- a. **He Must Be Above R_____ (*anepilēptos* / ἀνεπιλημτος) = "above criticism" = Blameless**
- b. **He Must Be _____ (*one*/μιᾶς *wife*/γυναικὸς *husband*/ἄνδρα) = Morally/Sexually Pure**
- c. **He Must Be T_____ (*nēphalios* / νηφάλιος) = "sober," "restrained," or "sober-minded" = Sound Judgment**

d. **He Must Be P_____ (*sōphrōn* / σώφρων) = "sensible, self-controlled" = A Disciplined Mind**

e. **He Must Be R_____ (*kosmios* / κόσμιος) = "orderly" & "proper" = Moderate & Well-Ordered**

f. **He Must Be H_____ (*philoxenos* / φιλόξενος) = "Love of Strangers"**

g. **He Must Be _____ (*mē paroinos* / μὴ πάροις) = "not a drunkard" = Not Known as a Drinker**

h. **He Must Be Not P_____ (*mē plēktēs* / μὴ πληκτής) = "not a giver of blows" = Not a Bully, Quick Tempered, or Violent**

i. **He Must Be G_____ (*epieikēs* / ἐπεικής) = Humble, Gracious, Forbearing, & Considerate**

j. **He Must Be P_____ (*amachos* / ἄμαχος) = "not contentious" = Not Causing Disunity or Disharmony**

k. **He Must Be _____ (*aphilargyros* / ἀφιλάργυρος) = "Not Loving Money"**

l. **He Must Be _____ (*own*/ιδίου *household*/οἴκου *well*/καλῶς *manages*/προϊστάμενον) = Good Father & Husband**

m. **He Must _____ (*reputation*/μαρτυρίαν *good*/καλὴν) = Good Witness**

IV. His C_____ (vs. 2b, 6)

a. **He Must _____ (*mē neophytos* / μὴ νεόφυτος) = "not a recent convert"**

b. **He Must Be _____ (*didaktikos* / διδακτικός) = "skillful in teaching"**