

## What Does the Bible Tell Us About the Church?

### "The Church's Leadership"

1 Timothy 3:1-7

#### I. His C \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1a)

- 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)
  - Elder (*Presbuteros / πρεσβύτερος*) = Authority**
  - Overseer (*Episcopos / ἐπίσκοπος*) = Responsibility**
  - Pastor or Shepherd (*Poimeino / ποιμαίνω*) = Duty**
- God Charges these men to:
  - Rule Well, Preach, & Teach** (1 Tim. 5:17)
  - Guard & Shepherd the Flock** (Acts 20:28)
  - Diligently Labor In, Have Charge Over, & Instruct the Church** (1 Thess. 5:12)
  - Lead the Church & Speak God's Word** (Heb. 13:7)
  - Remain Faithful, Encourage Sound Doctrine, & Refute False Teaching** (Titus 1:9)

#### II. His C \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1b)

- He Must be a M \_\_\_\_\_** (cf. 1 Tim. 2:12)
- He Must A \_\_\_\_\_** to the Office (*oregomai / ὄρεγομαι*) = "to reach out after"
- He Must D \_\_\_\_\_** this Fine Work (*epithymeo / ἐπιθυμέω*) = "a strong passion"

#### III. His C \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 2-7)

- He Must Be Above R \_\_\_\_\_** (*anepilēmptos / ἀνεπιλημπτος*) = "above criticism" = **Blameless**
- He Must Be \_\_\_\_\_** (*one/μιᾶς wife/γυναικὸς husband/ἄνδρα*) = **Morally/Sexually Pure**
- 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 πάροινος*) = "not a drunkard" = **Not Known as a Drinker**

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

i. **He Must Be G \_\_\_\_\_** (*epieikēs / ἐπιεικής*) = **Humble, Gracious, Forbearing, & Considerate**

j. **He Must Be P \_\_\_\_\_** (*amachos / ἀμαχος*) = "not contentious" = **Not Causing Disunity or Disharmony**

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

l. **He Must Be \_\_\_\_\_** (*own/ἴδιοι household/οἶκου well//καλῶς manages/προϊστάμενον*) = **Good Father & Husband**

m. **He Must \_\_\_\_\_** (*reputation/μαρτυριαν good/καλήν*) = **Good Witness**

#### IV. His C \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 2b, 6)

a. **He Must \_\_\_\_\_** (*mē neophytoς / μὴ νεόφυτος*) = "not a recent convert"

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