

Notes for September 25 2011 Overseers And Deacons 1 Timothy 3

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Overseers and Deacons, who would these people, be in our church system?

Overseers can refer to our Bishop, Cluster Leaders, Pastors, a presiding elder like church board president.

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Deacon means “one who serves” like our Trustees and board members.

Is it a good thing to want to be a spiritual leader with in God’s church?

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Is there something for all of us in this chapter?

All believers, even if they never plain to be church leaders, should strive to follow these guidelines because they are consistent with what God says is true and right.

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Instructions for Overseers and Deacons

I. Overseers: verses 1-7

II. Deacons: verses 8-13

III. Everyone: verses 14-16

Will you look at your life today, and compare it to Paul’s standards for Christian living?

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1 Timothy 3:1

Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task.

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1 Timothy 3:2-3

Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.

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1 Timothy 3:4

He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect.

1 Timothy 3:5

(If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)

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1 Timothy 3:6

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil.

1 Timothy 3:7

He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

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I. Overseers: verses 1-7

A. God starts with the heart.

B. Overseers are men.

C. Who should not have a life that looks like the one in verses 2 and 3?

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- ✓ live above reproach,
- ✓ married to one wife or husband,
- ✓ temperate, self-controlled,
- ✓ respectable,
- ✓ hospitable,
- ✓ able to teach,
- ✓ sober,
- ✓ not violent but gentle,
- ✓ not quarrelsome,
- ✓ not a lover of money.

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D. He must manage his family.

E. He should be mature and disciplined.

F. He should have a good reputation.

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1 Timothy 3:8

Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain.

1 Timothy 3:9

They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience.

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1 Timothy 3:10

They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.

1 Timothy 3:11

In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything.

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1 Timothy 3:12

A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well.

1 Timothy 3:13

Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

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So, what do you see or, where is God showing you that you can be more dependent on Jesus Christ?

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A. Deacons, are to be men, worthy of respect, who are sincere, sober, and honest.

B. Deacons are to understand the truths of the faith and with except the position with a clear conscience.

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C. Let deacons serve whose lives show that they are qualified.

D. Women who's lives are worthy of respect, who are not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything may serve the church also.

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E. A deacon can be married to one wife at a time and is to manage his children and household well.

F. Those who serve will grow in their faith in Christ Jesus.

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1 Timothy 3:14-15

Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

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1 Timothy 3:16

Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

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Now we get to see the hope for change in our lives, the answer to all our struggles to live like Paul says we can!

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A. I am writing you these instructions so that, you will know how you ought to conduct yourselves.

B. This is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

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C. The mystery of godliness is great.

D. Jesus appeared in a body.

E. Jesus was vindicated by the Spirit.

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F. Jesus was seen by angels.

G. Jesus was preached among the nations.

H. Jesus was believed on in the world.

I. Jesus was taken up in glory.

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