

# **Building the Church Requires Godly Leadership**

## **1 Timothy 3:1-7**

*The bar is set high for those who would lead in God's church!*

1. His behavior (v2-3)

2. His family (v4-5)

3. His experience (v6)

4. His respect (v7)

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1. Here are the “trustworthy sayings of Paul.” They make a great Bible study.
  - 1 Tim 1:12-17 (esp v15) Christ came to save sinners
  - 1 Tim 3:1-7 (esp v1) A noble task
  - 1 Tim 4:8-10 (esp v8-9) The value of godliness
  - 2 Tim 2:11-13 He remains faithful
  - Titus 3:1-8 (esp v4-8) Saved by grace – now what?
2. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7. Which of the requirements for elder do you think would be hardest to find today? Do these requirements reflect more the gifts of the Spirit or the fruit of the Spirit? What might that imply for the church and for its leaders?
3. Why is family so important in the qualification of an elder? Is how he exerts influence in the workplace a factor that should be considered?
4. There are no guarantees for how our children will turn out. When an elder candidate’s adult children are not walking with the Lord, should that disqualify him? Why or why not?
5. Would you qualify for the role, based on these qualifications? Are there changes you could bring to your life that would put you on the road to qualification?
6. How can we affirm and encourage our elders? What is one thing you could do this week to encourage them?