

## Serving by Leading | 1 Timothy 3:1-7

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a love of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

### Jesus is the Head of the Church

- a. "And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent." (Colossians 1:18)

### The aspiration of a pastor

- a. Above reproach

### The character of a pastor

- a. Sober-minded & Self-controlled
- b. Respectable
- c. Not a drunkard
- d. Not violent, but gentle
- e. Not quarrelsome
- f. Not a lover of money

### The skills of a pastor

- a. Able to teach

### The family of a pastor

- a. Faithful husband
- b. Manages household well
- c. Dignity toward children

### The experience of a pastor

- a. Not a recent convert (new Christian)

### The reputation of a pastor

- a. Respected and known by those outside of the church

## Jesus is the Great Shepherd of the Church

- a. "Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." (Hebrews 13:20-21)