

1 Timothy 3:1-16

PART I

{Sunday, October 14, 2012 A.D.}

1 Timothy 2:2-3 (NASB95)

... lead a **tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity**.³ This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ...

1 Timothy 2:9-11 (NASB95)

⁹ Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, **modestly and discreetly**, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments,¹⁰ but rather **by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness**.¹¹ A woman must **quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness**.

1 Timothy 3:1-16 (NASB95)

¹ **It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do.**

² An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the **husband of one wife**, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, **able to teach**,³ not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but **gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money**.⁴ *He must be* one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all **dignity**⁵ (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?),⁶ *and* not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil.⁷ And he must have a good reputation with those outside *the church*, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

⁸ **Deacons likewise must be** men of **dignity**, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain,⁹ *but* holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.¹⁰ These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.¹¹ **Women must likewise be** dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things.¹² Deacons must be **husbands of only one wife**, *and* good managers of *their* children and their own households.¹³ For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long;¹⁵ but in case I am delayed,

I write so that you will know **how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth**.¹⁶ By common confession, **great is the mystery of godliness:**

Acts 20:24-32 (NASB95)

²⁴ "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.

²⁵ "And now, behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will no longer see my face.

²⁶ "Therefore, I testify to you this day that

I am innocent of the blood of all men.²⁷ "For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.

²⁸ "**Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.**

²⁹ "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;³⁰ and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, **to draw away the disciples after them**.³¹ "Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to **admonish** each one with tears.³² "And now I commend you **to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.**

1 Timothy 5:17 (NASB95)

¹⁷ The **elders who rule** well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.

Hebrews 13:17 (NASB95)

¹⁷ **Obey your leaders and submit to *them***, for they **keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account**. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be **unprofitable for you**.