

# 1 Timothy 3:1-16

## PART III

{Sunday, October 28, 2012 A.D.}

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### **1 Timothy 3:1-16 (NASB95)**

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

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

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<sup>8</sup> **Deacons likewise must be** men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain, <sup>9</sup> but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup> These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach. <sup>11</sup> **Women must likewise be** dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, **faithful in all things**. <sup>12</sup> **Deacons must be husbands of only one wife, and good managers of their children and their own households**. <sup>13</sup> 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.

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<sup>14</sup> I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness:

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**ELDERS:** {serve Christ as under-shepherds by exercising spiritual authority over the local visible church – through preaching/teaching/counseling & ruling/discipline & prayer & etc}

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<sup>4</sup> **He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity** <sup>5</sup> (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?),. . .

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**DEACONS & DEACONESSES:** {serve Christ by serving His church with their spiritual gifts – do not function as exercising authority over church members – basically ALL other functions which are non-specific to elders}

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