

1 Timothy 3:1-16

PART VI

{Sunday, November 25, 2012 A.D.}

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:

HOSPITABLE:

welcoming, treating visitors well, generous kindness to guests or strangers, providing what somebody needs to live comfortably

Philippians 2:3-5 (NASB95)

³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; ⁴ do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

Romans 12:10-13 (NASB95)

¹⁰ *Be* devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; ¹¹ not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹² rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, ¹³ contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

1 Peter 4:9-10 (NASB95)

⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaint. ¹⁰ As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Hebrews 13:1-2 (NASB95)

¹ Let love of the brethren continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

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

² **An overseer, then, must be. . . hospitable**

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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¹¹ **Women must likewise be. . .**
