

# 1 Timothy 3:1-16

## PART X

{Sunday, January 27, 2013 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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### DOUBLE-TONGUED:

- Deceitful; hypocritical; insincere; double talking; two-faced: saying one thing to one person and something different to another; forked tongue; to make false promises or to speak in a way which is not honest; untruthful; lacking integrity;

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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}

<sup>2</sup> **An overseer, then, must be. . .**

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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}

<sup>8</sup> **Deacons likewise must be. . . not double tongued**

<sup>11</sup> **Women must likewise be. . . not double-tongued**

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### Exodus 20:16 (NASB95)/ Proverbs 19:5 (NASB95)

<sup>16</sup> "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." <sup>5</sup> A false witness will not go unpunished, And he who tells lies will not escape.

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### John 1:14 (NASB95)

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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### John 8:44 (NASB95)

<sup>44</sup> "You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

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### 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NASB95)

<sup>4</sup> Love is. . . rejoices with the truth; . . .

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### Ephesians 4:25 (NASB95)

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE *of you* WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.

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### 1 Peter 1:22-23 (NASB95)

<sup>22</sup> Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, <sup>23</sup> for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and enduring word of God.