

Study Notes for 1 Timothy 3 (Part 1) :1-7

Note: This passage centers around the qualities of a Pastor (synonymous with Elder and Overseer).

Begin by reading the entire passage through.

- Why do you think the Apostle Paul says that the office of an overseer is a noble position?
- What were the three titles that Pastor Paul brought out in the teaching?
 - Overseer
 - Elder
 - Pastor (Shepherd)
- What point did Pastor Paul bring out about these three ministry titles? (Answer: They all describe the same position.)
- What does the title “overseer” tell you about what that person is supposed to do in the Church?
- What does the title “pastor” or “shepherd” tell you about what that person is supposed to do in the Church?
- What does the title “elder” tell you about the person that holds that title?
- Read **1 Peter 5:4**. Who is the “**Chief Shepherd**” that Peter is speaking of?
- Since Jesus is the Chief Shepherd, what does that tell you about the men who hold the title of “shepherd/pastor” within the Church?
- Of the qualities of the Pastor/ Elder/ Overseer listed in **verses 2-7**, which do you feel is the most important and why?
- Which quality seems least important to you?
- What should you do if you’re attending a church and the pastor and leaders simply don’t embody these biblical qualities?
- Why do you think Satan wants to attack and disgrace Christian leaders?
- What can you do to encourage your pastor and elders?
- What was the most important aspect of this study for you personally?