

Paul to the Leaders: *SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP*

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In 1Timothy, the Holy Spirit gives us some very challenging instruction about leaders in the church. Jesus is definitely the Head of the Church. But make no mistake, the spiritual health of the church is determined by the quality of its human leadership.

A. Leaders have Human Shortcomings

Is.64:6; Ps.51:5; 1Tim.4:12; 2Tim.1:5

Please PRAY that our leaders would carefully handle the difficult, deeply personal issues in the church.

B. Leaders have High Standards 1 Tim.3:1-7

Greek *Episcope* = Overseer = Bishop = Elder

1. husband of one wife (1Tim.2:13-14)

Creation order does NOT mean women are inferior to men!
From the beginning, God created male & female with *different roles of equal importance.*

2. an able teacher

3. not quarrelsome

4. above reproach

C. Leaders have Hearts of Servants 1 Tim.3:8-13

Matthew 20:26-28

Greek *diakonos* = deacon, servant, minister

*May God bless this church with maturing men and women
who will lead in the church,
as well as in their families
and in the market-place.*

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Qualification for Church Leaders

Elders

1. above reproach
2. the husband of one wife
3. self-controlled
4. sensible
5. respectable
6. hospitable
7. an able teacher
8. not addicted to wine
9. not a bully but gentle
10. not quarrelsome
11. not greedy
12. manages household well
13. not a new convert

Deacons

- prove blameless
husband of one wife
- worthy of respect
- not drinking a lot of wine
- not greedy for money
manages household well
must be tested first
not hypocritical