

6 - CONCERNING ELDERS (1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7)

I. A Faithful Saying (3:1)

A. The affirmation (3:1a)

- Paul affirms a common statement in the early church as _____.

B. The saying (3:1b)

- The statement held that a man, who desired the office of bishop, desires _____.

Biblical Note: Bishop

The word "bishop" is also translated overseer. In the Greek culture, the term is used to refer to any kind of overseeing responsibility over people. Bishops/Pastors/Elders were leaders in specific congregations. Paul uses the words "Bishops/Pastors/Elders" interchangeably in his letters. They were primarily teachers that gave direction to their congregations.

II. The Qualifications of an Elder (3:2-7)

A. His character (3:2-6)

1. Above reproach (3:2a)

- Paul states that an elder must be blameless or _____.

2. His marriage (3:2b)

- Paul states that an elder must be _____.

3. His moderation (3:2c)

- Paul states that an elder must live a lifestyle that is marked by _____.

4. Self-controlled (3:2d)

- Paul states that an elder must be _____ in his thinking.

5. His behavior (3:2e)

- Paul states that an elder must be _____.

6. Hospitality (3:2f)

- Paul states that an elder must be _____.

7. A teacher (3:2g)

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- Paul states that an elder must be _____.

8. Not addicted (3:3a)

- Paul states that an elder must not be _____.

9. Not violent (3:3b)

- Paul states that an elder must not be _____.

10. Concerning money (3:3c)

- Paul states that an elder must not be _____.

11. Gentle (3:3d)

- Paul states that an elder must be _____.

12. Not envious (3:3e)

- Paul states that an elder must not be _____.

13. His family (3:4-5)

- Paul states that an elder must _____.

- Paul warns that if an elder cannot lead his family, he cannot _____.

14. His maturity (3:6)

- Paul states that an elder cannot be _____.

- Paul warns that such a person will struggle with _____.

C. His testimony (3:7)

1. To those outside (3:7a)

- Paul states that an elder must have a good testimony with _____.

2. The warning (3:7b)

- Having a good testimony is important to guard against _____.