The Need for Leaders

Message Handout

1 Timothy 3:1-13 (ESV) 1 The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. **2** Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, **3** not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. **4** He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, **5** for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? **6** He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. **7** Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. **8** Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. **9** They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. **10** And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. **11** Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. **12** Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. **13** For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

The qualifications for leadership in today's Church

1. **Character**
    1. Above reproach.
    2. Well thought of in the community.
2. **Relationships**
    1. Faithful in marriage.
    2. A good manager of their household.
    3. A good parent.
    4. Hospitable
3. **Self-management**
    1. Level headed.
    2. Respectable and well-ordered.
    3. Not addicted to much wine.
    4. Not violent.
    5. Not quarrelsome.
    6. Not greedy for gain.

4. **Skills**
   1. Able to teach.
   2. Not a new believer.

What is your aspiration?

- Where are you in your discipleship process
- Are you growing in your knowledge of the word?
- Are you growing in your relationship with God?
- Is your character being refined?
- Have you learned your gift?
- To what do you aspire?