

# 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?