

An Overview of Church Officers

- I. Primary Passages to Consider
 - A. Elders: I Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9, I Peter 5:1-4, Acts 20:17-35
 - B. Deacons: Acts 6:1-7, I Timothy 3:8-13
- II. The Office of Elder
 - A. One Who Oversees or Rules (bishop - I Timothy 3:1-2)
 - B. One Who Shepherds (pastor - I Peter 5:2 and Acts 20:28)
 - C. One Who Is Worthy of Honor (elder - I Timothy 5:17 and I Peter 5:1)
 - D. One Who Teaches (I Timothy 3:2 and 5:17)
- III. The Office of Deacon
 - A. One Who Serves (I Timothy 3:10 and 13)
 - B. One Who Ministers Mercy (Acts 6:1-3)
 - C. One Who Shows the Compassion of Christ (Mark 6:34-44 and 10:45)
- IV. The Call to Office
 - A. An Inward Call (aspires, desires office - I Timothy 3:1)
 - B. An Outward Call (confirmed by God's people - Acts 6:5-6 and 13:1-3)
 - C. A Divine Call (gifted and given by God - Ephesians 4:8-12)
- V. The Reputation of Officers
 - A. Above Reproach - Of Good Repute (I Timothy 3:2, Acts 6:3)
 - B. Well Thought of By Outsiders (I Timothy 3:7)
 - C. Dignified and Blameless (I Timothy 3:2-3 and 8-10)
 - D. Wise in Judgement (I Timothy 3:2)
- VI. The Experience of Officers
 - A. Not Recent Converts (I Timothy 3:6)
 - B. Those Who Have Been Tested (I Timothy 3:10)
- VII. The Prohibitions of Officers
 - A. Not Controlled by Anger (I Timothy 3:3)
 - B. Not Controlled by Alcohol (I Timothy 3:3 and 8)
 - C. Not Controlled by Money (I Timothy 3:3 and 8)
 - D. Not Controlled by Dishonest Speech (I Timothy 3:8)
- VIII. The Family Life of Officers
 - A. Good Husbands (I Timothy 3:2 and 12)
 - B. Good Fathers (I Timothy 3:4 and 12)
 - C. Good Household Managers (I Timothy 3:4-5 and 12)
 - D. Good Hosts (I Timothy 3:2)
- IX. The Good Example of Officers (I Timothy 3:9 and 13, 4:12; Titus 1:9 and 2:7; I Peter 5:4)