

## How to Behave

### Elders, Deacons and Proven Faith

1 Timothy 3:14-15; 3:1-13

#### Review, Context and Perspective

##### Authority, Leadership, and Submission

Not necessarily matters of lacking ability and not matters of superiority or inferiority

Matters of Divine design to exemplify Christ

#### Text

Qualification for elders only (and deacons)?

Is an overseer even an elder?

Presbyter

1 Peter 5:1-5

Ephesians 4:11

Acts 20:17, 28

Family to Church to Outsiders

## Sunday Evening Discussion

1 Timothy 3:1-13

1. Can you call to mind a favorite teacher, coach, mentor, or boss? What made or makes them someone you appreciate?
2. Have you gained more responsibility at home or at work? Do you want the responsibility? Does this affect your effort? How or why did you gain the responsibility? Explain.
3. In verse 2 “therefore” begins a list of “musts” and “nots”. Why must these things be/not be present in an overseer? (answer from text)
4. Are any of these qualities necessary in order to hold the position? If not, which quality is not and why would you consider it optional?
5. Looking over the list for both overseers and deacons, do you see a difference? Do you see any main difference? If so, what is the significance?
6. What does it mean to manage, rule, and care? How can we know if a man is capable of doing this?
7. If these qualities and aptitudes are present in a man, yet he is a new convert, why might he be given oversight? Cause conceit? V 6
8. How would we know this man has good testimony among outsiders?
9. Why would a bad testimony cause disgrace and what would be a snare of the devil?