

# 1 Timothy 3:1-7

LESSON 14

## *A Bishop Then Must Be...*

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- a. It is not the desire that is good, it is the object of the desire which is described here
- b. While not all desire the office, all ought to desire the good works it exhibits – Titus 2
- c. Seeing the size of the shoe is humbling, but all are called to be saints – Rom 1:2
- d. When you are wearing shoes that are too big it is easy to stumble, you need help
- e. The list does not describe any one person, but the office/position/responsibility
- f. The office is one of good work; it is work, it is needful, it must be good – high bar
- g. The responsibility is to protect the doctrine/church not the person holding it
- h. This is not law; more important than perfection is proof – 1 Cor 8:3, 16:22, Col 1:22

### 2. 1 Timothy 3:2-3

- a. Blameless – not sinless; but speaks to faults, obedience - Luke 1:6, Phil 3:6, 2:15
  - i. Are you to blame when someone else takes offense or wrongly accuses?
- b. Husband of one wife – this man does not qualify → 1Co 5:1; see Lev 21:13-14; Eze 44
  - i. Is Paul disqualified, Timothy, John, Jesus? 1Cor 7:2,7,7:33; Matt 19:12
  - ii. God divorced, but so did Henry VIII; the Pope is not married, Hitler was
- c. Vigilant – watchful, looking out to protect and avoid error/danger – 1Ti 1:19-20
- d. Sober – temperate, moderate (modest); purposeful; objective - 1Co 6:12
- e. Good behavior – the opposite of bad deportment (it follows prayer and desire)
- f. Hospitality – generosity, care, concern for others – Rom 12:13
- g. Apt to teach – if they can't discern right from wrong doctrine they should sit down
- h. Not given to wine – you don't give opportunity - Prov 31:4; 1 Cor 10:23
- i. No striker, not greedy, not brawler, not covetous – an apt description of charity
- j. Yet, Paul fights, charges, withstands, names people, warns, reproves, corrects
- k. These speak to a method of ministry – not noisy, loudmouthed, angry, violent

### 3. 1 Timothy 3:4-5 – One that Ruleth Well

- a. Parenthood is not being a child's best friend – earn respect, take it seriously.
- b. Ruling well is taking responsibility for the office that you have
- c. Gravity – seriousness or giving weight to your responsibility, sincerity – Eph 6:4
- d. "if a man" – God created a patriarchy (Rom 5:12; 1 Cor 15:45; 1 Tim 2:5)
- e. Women can't take the office b/c it is related to the office in the home

### 4. 1 Timothy 3:6-7 – Beware the Devil

- a. Novice (rookies) are susceptible to pride = condemnation of the devil
- b. Reproach and snare of the devil = accusation from those without faith (grace)
- c. Those without know what good is, and you are claiming an office of good work