

1 Timothy 3:1-7

I. What to Expect

- A. The multi-purpose epistle
- B. The highest of honors (Psalms 22:30-31; 78:2-4, 6-7; Revelation 4:4)
- C. Aspire to be elders (Isaiah 49:4; 1 Timothy 4:7-8; 6:11)

II. The Work of Elders<sup>1</sup>

- A. Public teaching and preaching (1 Timothy 3:2; 4:6, 11, 13, 16; 6:2)
- B. Shepherding (Psalms 28:9; 78:70-72; 80:1; ; Ezekiel 34:15-16; John 10:11; Acts 5:42; 20:20; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 4:2)
- C. Prayer
- D. Administration
- E. Presbytery and Synod
- F. Accountability and scope (1 Peter 5:1; 1 Timothy 5:17)
- G. Some false ideas (2 Timothy 3:15)

III. Qualifications

- A. An exemplary life (Matthew 25:35; Hebrews 13:2; 1 Peter 4:9)
- B. The goal of elders (Colossians 1:28-29)
- C. What elders must be (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Romans 15:7; Luke 8:1; Mark 1:22; 14:36; Matthew 11:29; 27:34; Hebrews 13:5)

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<sup>1</sup> See sermons on this passage and topic from August 23, 2009, March 28, 2010, October 12, 2014, November 6, 2016, available at [sermonaudio.com/chistrpc](http://sermonaudio.com/chistrpc).