

INTRODUCTION

- the priority of being an example

1 Pet. 1:21

- *aspiring* to a *fine* work

1 Tim. 3:1

*1. Above reproach*

1 Tim. 3:2

*2. Above reproach—at home (1:6)*

- a "one woman man"

1 Tim. 3:2, 12; 5:9

+ faithfulness, purity

+ the "what ifs..."

1 Cor. 6:9-11

- children "who believe"

1 Tim. 3:4-5

*3. Above reproach—before others (1:7)*

a. not self-willed

b. not quick tempered

1 Pet. 2:23; Jms. 1:20; Prov. 29:22

c. not addicted to wine

Eph. 5:18

d. not pugnacious

e. not fond of sordid gain

CONCLUSION

1 Pet. 5:1-3; 2 Thess. 3:9; 1 Tim. 4:12; Heb. 13:7