



“Qualifications for an Overseer”

1 Timothy 3:1-7

Titus 1:5-8; Acts 1:20; 20:17, 28

- I. Placement of the phrase “This is a faithful saying,” could affect some of the _____ of this passage.
 - a. The phrase, “This is a _____ saying,” occurs five times in the pastoral epistles.
 - b. At the heart of the question is whether Paul sees a church model of a _____ pastor (3:2) and _____ of deacons (3:8) or whether his grammatical use of the single noun “overseer” is borrowed from the faithful saying.
 - c. Paul states that the one desiring to serve as an overseer desires a good _____ (3:1).

James 3:1

- II. The qualifications for an overseer are first listed without any _____ for the stated qualification (3:2-3).
 - a. Overseers are to be _____ (3:2).

- b. Overseers are to be the _____ of one wife (3:2).
- c. The overseer is to be _____ - minded (3:2).
- d. Self-control refers to having some degree of _____ and levelheadedness (3:2).
- e. Respectable refers to characteristics that lend one towards _____ and would be the opposite of crass carelessness (3:2).
- f. _____, while in vogue in any era, was particularly important in the 1st century when “inns” were immoral places (3:2).
- g. The overseer must be able to _____ (3:2).
- h. Not given to wine means that he is not a drunkard and does not give himself over to _____ (3:3).

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

- i. The overseer is not violent—not a _____ —not pugnacious (3:3).
- j. As a positive compliment to the restriction against violence, the overseer is to be _____ (3:3).
- k. The overseer is not to be _____ (3:3).

- 1. The overseer is not a lover of _____ (3:3).

1 Timothy 6:2-10; 1 Timothy 6:3-10

III. Three additional qualifications are given together with rationale for why these qualifications are in place.

- a. His home and children in particular are to be ruled well to behave with reverence and submission in order to demonstrate some level of ability in _____ a church full of people (3:4-5).

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Titus 1:6; 1 Peter 4:3-5

- b. Not a novice/beginner lest he be lifted up in _____ as Satan was when he fell (3:6).