

**If anyone aspires to the office of overseer,  
he desires a noble task (1 Timothy 3:1)**

## **ABOVE REPROACH**

<i>Word</i>	<i>Self</i>	<i>Family</i>	<i>Others</i>	<i>Things</i>
Able to teach (3:2)	Aspires to be an elder (3:2)	Husband of one wife (3:2; 1:6)	Respectable (3:2) Upright (1:8)	Not a drunkard (3:3; 1:7)
Hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught (1:9)	Sober-minded (3:2)	Manages his own household well (3:4)	Hospitable (3:2; 1:8)	Not a lover of money (3:3)
So that they are . . .	Self-controlled (3:2)	With all dignity keeping his children	Not violent (3:3; 1:7)	Not greedy for gain (1:7)
Able to give instruction in sound doctrine (1:9)	Lover of good (1:8)	submissive (3:4)	Not arrogant (1:7)	
	Disciplined (1:8)	Children are faithful (1:6)	Not quick-tempered (1:7)	
Able to rebuke those who contradict sound doctrine (1:9)	Holy (1:8)	Children are not open to charge of debauchery or insubordination (1:6)	Gentle (3:3)	
	Not a recent convert (3:6)		Not quarrelsome (3:3)	
			Well thought of by outsiders (3:7)	

**Those who serve well as deacons  
gain a good standing for themselves  
and also  
a great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus  
(1 Timothy 3:13).**

## A B O V E   R E P R O A C H

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Hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience (3:9)	Dignified (3:8)  Blameless, which must be proven through testing (3:10)	Husband of one wife (3:12)  Manage their own households well, including their children (3:12)	Not double-tongued (3:8)	Not addicted to much wine (3:8)  Not greedy for dishonest gain (3:8)