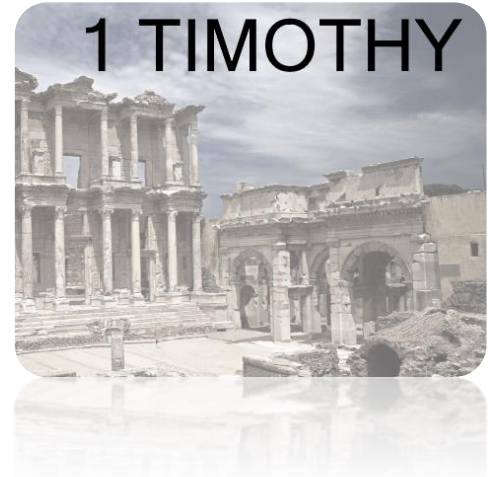


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Paul wrote 3 pastoral letters addressing the care of the assemblies and requirements for its leaders; 2 letters to Timothy who was the son of a Greek father and devout Jewish mother; and 1 letter to Titus. Timothy oversaw the work in Ephesus and Asia Minor.



**<sup>1</sup> Faithful is the saying, if anyone desires to be an overseer, it is an honorable work.**

**<sup>2</sup> An overseer then must be above criticism, a one wife husband, self-controlled, with good sense, respectable, hospitable, and teachable / so he is like his wife in many ways, putting himself under control; so you won't hear him angrily say too often: I know that; but more like: I'm learning that;**

**<sup>3</sup> not a drunk, not a bully, not in pursuit of more stuff; but patient, not a brawler, not greedy;**

**<sup>4</sup> able to manage his own house well, having his children under control, with all dignity;**

**<sup>5</sup> (if anyone does not know how to lead his own house; how can he care for the church of God?).**

**<sup>6</sup> He must not be a new convert, or he might become smug, and incur the same condemnation as the devil.**

**<sup>7</sup> He must have a good reputation among outsiders; so he does not fall into disgrace: the trap of the devil. / in other words: if someone can't supervise his own unruly house of wife and kids; don't make a mess of the church the Lord is building.**

**<sup>8</sup> Deacons also should be respectful, not deceitful / not telling different stories... **not thinking wine is important**; not greedy for money;**

**<sup>9</sup> holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.**

**<sup>10</sup> They must first be tested and prove themselves blameless; then they can be deacons: / so let them wash tables and toilets.**

**<sup>11</sup> Wives also should be respected, not slanderers, sensible, faithful in everything.**

**<sup>12</sup> Deacons are to be **a one wife husband**, leading their children and their own houses well.**

**<sup>13</sup> For those who have served well as deacons, acquire a good standing for themselves, and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.**

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<sup>14</sup> I write these things to you, hoping to come to you soon:

<sup>15</sup> but if I am delayed, I wrote that you know how people ought to behave in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

<sup>16</sup> And without debate, **the mystery of good-sense is great:**

He was shown in the flesh,

**vindicated in the Spirit,**

**seen by angels, preached among the nations,**

**believed on in the world, taken up in glory.**

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