

## **JON'S SERMON OUTLINE....**

### **LOOKING FOR LEADERS, PART 2**

*This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of an overseer, he desires a good work. An overseer then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous...*

1 Timothy 3:1-3

Introduction: Today's sermon is part 2 of a sermon series on church leadership. Our elders here at the Southwest Church of Christ have decided that it is time to consider additional leadership, and they are humbly seeking your input and prayers as we look to God for guidance. Last week, we covered the need for and names of church leaders in the New Testament, with a focus on the office of elders. This morning, we will dig deeper into the qualities necessary for a man to serve as an elder for the church. Of the six basic categories (character, leadership, family, reputation, service, and faith), we'll talk about character today.

#### **1. AN ELDER MUST HAVE A LIFE CONTROLLED BY THE SPIRIT:**

- a. He needs to be led by the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-18,22-23).
- b. He needs to be leading by example (1 Peter 5:3).

#### **2. AN ELDER MUST BE A LEADER IN CHRISTIAN CHARACTER:**

- a. Temperate (1 Tim. 3:2): clear minded, well balanced, level headed.
- b. Sober-minded (1 Tim. 3:2, Titus 1:8): prudent, sensible, serious.
- c. Self-controlled (Titus 1:8): in control of desires and actions.
- d. Not given to wine (1 Tim. 3:3, Titus 1:7): not addicted to wine.
- e. Not violent (1 Tim. 3:3, Titus 1:7): not easily provoked to strike back.
- f. Not quick-tempered (Titus 1:7): not inclined to bursts of anger.
- g. Not covetous (1 Tim. 3:3, Titus 1:7): right attitude toward riches.
- h. Loves what is good (Titus 1:8): loves virtuous things.
- i. Just (Titus 1:8): a higher standard of living.
- j. Holy (Titus 1:8): separate from the world and set apart for God.

**CONCLUSION:** Only those who answer God's call of salvation are chosen.