

JON'S SERMON OUTLINE....

LOOKING FOR LEADERS, PART 4

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; one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?).

1 Timothy 3:1-5

Introduction: This will be the last of a 4-part 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. We've been looking at the six basic categories (character, reputation, family, leadership, service, and faith) of qualifications for elders, and today we will finish with the leadership, service, and faith categories.

1. LEADERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS:

- a. Gentle – equitable, yielding, patient, kind (1 Timothy 3:3).
- b. Not Quarrelsome – not a fighter, not contentious (1 Timothy 3:3).
- c. Not Self-willed – not arrogant, not obstinate (Titus 1:7).
- d. Not Lording It Over – not exercising dominion, not bossy (1 Peter 5:3).

2. SERVICE QUALIFICATIONS:

- a. Serves Willingly/Eagerly – wants to serve & with enthusiasm (1 Peter 5:2).
- b. Hospitable – a host who loves and loves to host (1 Timothy 3:2).
- c. Able To Teach – able to give instruction (1 Timothy 3:2).

3. FAITH QUALIFICATION: a mature and proven faith (1 Timothy 3:6, Titus 1:9).

CONCLUSION: Though we all fall short of grace, Jesus came to save us.