

*Guard the Truth*  
Servant Leaders of the Church  
1 Timothy 3:1-7

**I. A Noble Task: Overseer / Elder (vs. 1)**

**II. Reputation to the Outsiders: Above Reproach (2a & 7a)**

*“Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel...”* (Philippians 1:27a)

**III. Observable Conduct (vs. 2b-7)**

- A. Marriage (2b)
- B. Self-Mastery (2c) - sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable
- C. Ministry (2d) - hospitable, able teach
- D. Temperament (3a) - not a drunkard, not violent, not quarrelsome
- E. Money (3b)
- F. Family (4-5)
- G. Maturity (6)

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**Points to Ponder:** Since we know that our great adversary delights to set traps for leaders within the church, go to the [leadership page our website](#), find the list of elders and staff listed there, and pray for each by name. Pray that the Spirit might aid them to live a life worthy of the gospel we proclaim.

**Next Week:** We will continue our study of 1 Timothy, *Guard the Truth*, by considering the text of **1 Timothy 3:8-13** “Leading Servants of the Church.”