

## Overseers and Deacons - 1 Timothy 3:1-16

*Topics:* Abilities, Accountability, Administration, Ambition, Anger, Authority, Character, Children, Church, Drinking, Effectiveness, Ego, Family, Gentleness, Greed, Home, Hospitality, Impulsiveness, Initiative, Integrity, Leadership, Management, Marriage, Maturity, Money, Morality, Pastors, People, Power, Pride, Quarrels, Reputation, Respect, Responsibility, Teaching

### Open It

- \* 1. What were some of the qualifications you had to meet for your job?
- 2. What important qualities should managers possess?

### Explore It

- 3. What did Paul say about the person who wants to be an overseer? (3:1)
- \* 4. What qualities must an overseer possess? (3:2-7)
- 5. Why is good family management a qualification for being an overseer? (3:4-5)
- \* 6. Why shouldn't the overseer be a new convert? (3:6)
- 7. Why must an overseer have a good reputation? (3:7)
- \* 8. What qualities must a deacon possess? (3:8-10, 12)
- 9. What is required before someone can serve as a deacon? (3:10)
- 10. What sort of person must the wife of a deacon be? (3:11)
- 11. What do those who serve well gain? (3:13)
- 12. What benefit is there in serving well? (3:13)
- 13. Why did Paul write these instructions? (3:14-15)
- 14. What is said about Jesus in the hymn Paul quoted? (3:16)

### Get It

- 15. What role do you desire in your church?
- 16. To what noble tasks have you aspired?
- \* 17. Which of the character qualities needed by both overseers and deacons do you think is the most important for a church leader to possess?
- \* 18. If you applied the lists of qualifications for these positions to yourself, how would you measure up?
- 19. What is the common ingredient in the lists of qualifications for leaders in the church?
- 20. What hymn or praise chorus that you know centers on the person and work of Jesus Christ?

### Apply It

- \* 21. What quality from the lists in 1 Timothy 3 do you want to improve in your life? How could you start?
- 22. In what way can you serve in your church?
- 23. What hymn or song could you include in your devotions this week?