

How to Obtain a High Standing and Great Confidence

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overseers

1 Timothy 3:1 It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires *to do*.

² An overseer, then, must be

1. above reproach,
2. the husband of one wife,
3. temperate,
4. prudent,
5. respectable,
6. hospitable,
7. able to teach,
8. ³ not addicted to wine
9. or pugnacious,
10. but gentle,
11. uncontentious,
12. free from the love of money.

13. ⁴ *He must be* one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity ⁵ (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?);

14. ⁶ *and* not a new convert, lest he become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil.

15. ⁷ And he must have a good reputation with those outside *the church*, so that he may not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Deacons

⁸ Deacons likewise *must be*

1. men of dignity,
2. not double-tongued,
3. or addicted to much wine
4. or fond of sordid gain,
5. ⁹ *but* holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.
6. ¹⁰ And let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.
7. ¹¹ Women *must* likewise *be*
 - a. dignified,
 - b. not malicious gossips,
 - c. but temperate,
 - d. faithful in all things.
8. ¹² Let deacons be husbands of *only* one wife,
9. *and* good managers of *their* children and their own households.

Acts 6:1 Now at this time while the disciples were increasing *in number*, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic *Jews* against the *native* Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving *of food*.

² And the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables.

³ "But select from among you, brethren, seven men of

1. good reputation,

2. full of the Spirit

3. and of wisdom,

whom we may put in charge of this task.

⁴ "But we will devote ourselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the word."

⁵ And the statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch.

⁶ And these they brought before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them.

⁷ And the word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people.

1 Timothy 3:13 For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves **a high standing and great confidence** in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long;

¹⁵ but in case I am delayed, *I write* so that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

¹⁶ And by common confession great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Beheld by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.

Mark 10:32 And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were fearful. And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him,

³³ *saying*, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and will deliver Him to the Gentiles.

³⁴ "And they will mock Him and spit upon Him, and scourge Him, and kill *Him*, and three days later He will rise again."

³⁵ And James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to Him, saying to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You."

³⁶ And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

³⁷ And they said to Him, "Grant that we may sit in Your glory, one on Your right, and one on *Your* left."

³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"

³⁹ And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized.

⁴⁰ "But to sit on My right or on *My* left, this is not Mine to give; but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹ And hearing this, the ten began to feel indignant with James and John.

⁴² And calling them to Himself, Jesus said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them.

⁴³ "But it is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant;

⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all.

⁴⁵ "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."