

How to Obtain a High Standing and Great Confidence

Part 2

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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.

4:1 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,

² by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,

1 Timothy 2:8 Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

⁹ Likewise, *I want* women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments;

¹⁰ but rather by means of good works, as befits women making a claim to godliness.

¹¹ Let a woman quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness.

¹² But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

¹³ For it was Adam who was first created, *and then* Eve.

¹⁴ And *it was* not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being quite deceived, fell into transgression.

¹⁵ But *women* shall be preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint.