

*Paul's Letter to  
the Disciple*



# I Timothy

## Chapter 3



# Bishop, Elder, Pastor

## Acts 20:17

From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.

## Acts 20:28

Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

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**Without question, the standards are high, but that doesn't imply a higher standard for church leaders than "ordinary" Christians. All believers are called to these same high standards of Christlikeness. Paul is not creating a class of the spiritually elite here. He is simply indicating that the church should select its leadership from among people who are generally living up to the ideals of the gospel. *Nelson's***

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## 1 Peter 5:1–3

The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;

# Not Quarrelsome

## **2 Timothy 2:24–25**

And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,



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