

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF OVERSEERS

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1 Timothy 3:1-7

¹So I exhort the **elders** among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ²**shepherd** the flock of God that is among you, exercising **oversight**, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

1 Peter 5:1–3

Responsibilities of elders/overseers/pastors

- **Lead.** Titus 1:7; 1 Tim. 5:17; 1 Peter 5:2-3
- **Teach.** Titus 1:9; 1 Tim. 5:17; Eph. 4:12
- **Guard.** Acts 20:28; Titus 1:9
- **Care.** Acts 20:35; James 5:14

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Titus 1:7

Obey your leaders and submit to them, **for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to **give an account****. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Hebrews 13:17

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1 Peter 5:2–3

The Overseer's Aspiration: Right Motive & Humility

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The Overseer's Home Life

4 He must **manage his own household well**, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, 5 for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?

1 Timothy 3:4 & 5

The Overseer's Church Life

⁶ He **must not be a recent convert**, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.

1 Timothy 3:6

The Overseer's Community Life

7 Moreover, he **must be well thought of** by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

1 Timothy 3:7

1. Vote of affirmation.
2. Pray for and encourage.