

# Message Notes

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**Bible Focus:** 1 Timothy 3:1-7

**Current Series:** Think Biblically

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**1 Timothy 3:1-7** – *The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup> Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,<sup>3</sup> not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.<sup>4</sup> He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup> for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?<sup>6</sup> He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup> Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil*

**The obvious:**

**The not obvious:**

**The hard part:**

## Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. Have you experienced elders more as members of a board or as shepherds of the congregation?
2. Is there someone serving in a “shepherd” type role in your life right now? Who? What does this person do specifically to shepherd you?
3. Out of the “obvious” qualifications of elders, which ones do you currently see in yourself?
4. Which ones are not currently descriptive of you? In these areas would you describe yourself as repentant, apathetic, or wanting to justify yourself?
5. What would you add to the “not obvious” list of qualifications?
6. Are there people in your life who you try to imitate because they imitate Jesus? Who? What specifically do they do that you find worthy of imitation? Is repentance one of their habits?
7. What are the typical moments when you start to feel your temper escalating, or when you begin to lose self-control? In those moments, what, if anything, brings you back to center? How easy is it for you to repent after one of those episodes?