

1 Timothy 3:1-7

The saying is trustworthy:

If anyone aspires to the office of overseer,
he desires a noble task.

² Therefore

an overseer must be above reproach,
the husband of one wife,
sober-minded,
self-controlled,
respectable,
hospitable,
able to teach,
³ not a drunkard,
not violent but gentle,
not quarrelsome,
not a lover of money.

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?

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

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

Serving as an overseer = elder = pastor teacher

1. A “good work” – verse 1

Faithful sayings

= 1 Tim. 1:15, 3:1, 4:9, 2 Tim. 2:11, Titus 3:4-8

The church really matters

= 3:14-15

2. A difficult work – verses 2-3

3. A tested work – verses 4-7

in the family
over time
in the world