

I Timothy 3  
Serving as a Leader

The Desire (1) – a noble task

A calling of the heart (Psalm 37:4)

A careful consideration (James 3:1)

The Qualities (2-9, 11-12) see attached sheet

The Testing (10)

Holding firm to the truth (Titus 1:9)

Having a clear conscience – short accounts with the Lord (I Timothy 4:2/I Corinthians 4:4)

Having no charges against him – short accounts with others (reputation) (Matthew 5:23-24)

Having been tested (vs. 6 / Philippians 2:19-23 / I Timothy 5:22)

The Recognition (13)

Serving well (Matthew 25:21)

Standing of excellence (compare Acts 6:5-6 with Acts 8:4-8)

Secure in faith (II Peter 3:10-11)

The Foundation (14-16)

The house of God – we are all members of His church (Ephesians 2:19-21; 3:14-15)

The Church of the living God – the church belongs to Him (Acts 20:28)

The pillar and foundation of truth – we cannot sway from His Word (Acts 20:32 / John 17:17)

The mystery of godliness on display – it is all because of Jesus (Galatians 5:20)

## Discussion questions for I Timothy 3

Why should every believer seek to prepare themselves for possible leadership?  
(Matthew 28:19 / Ephesians 6:4 / Judges 4:4 / Mark 10:43-45)

Consider the 4 points of testing on the outline – what might happen if these tests were ignored?  
(Acts 20:29-31 / Jude 3-4 / Ephesians 4:17-19; 26-27 / I Peter 2:11-12 / I Corinthians 1:12; 3:5-7 / Galatians 5:26)

We all want to hear Jesus say, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant.’ What things are important for us to do if we desire to hear those words? (Luke 16:10; 19:12-23 / John 15:5-8 / Galatians 2:20-21)

What is the responsibility of the church according to I Timothy 3:15? How is this accomplished? Why is leadership so vital? (II Timothy 4:1-5 / II Peter 2:1-2)