

Paul's Loving Charge to the Church

Week 3 – Expectations of Godly Leadership

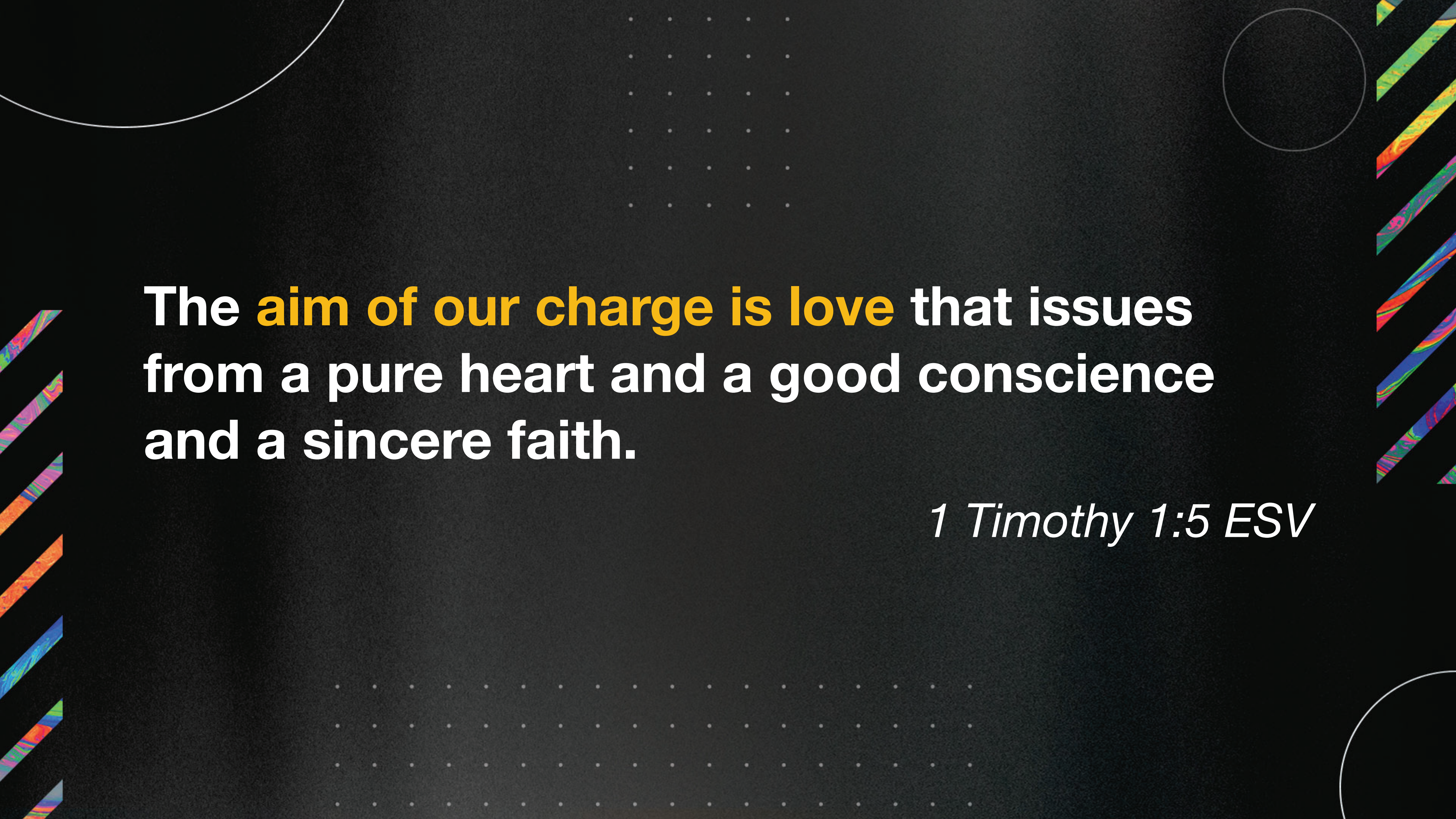
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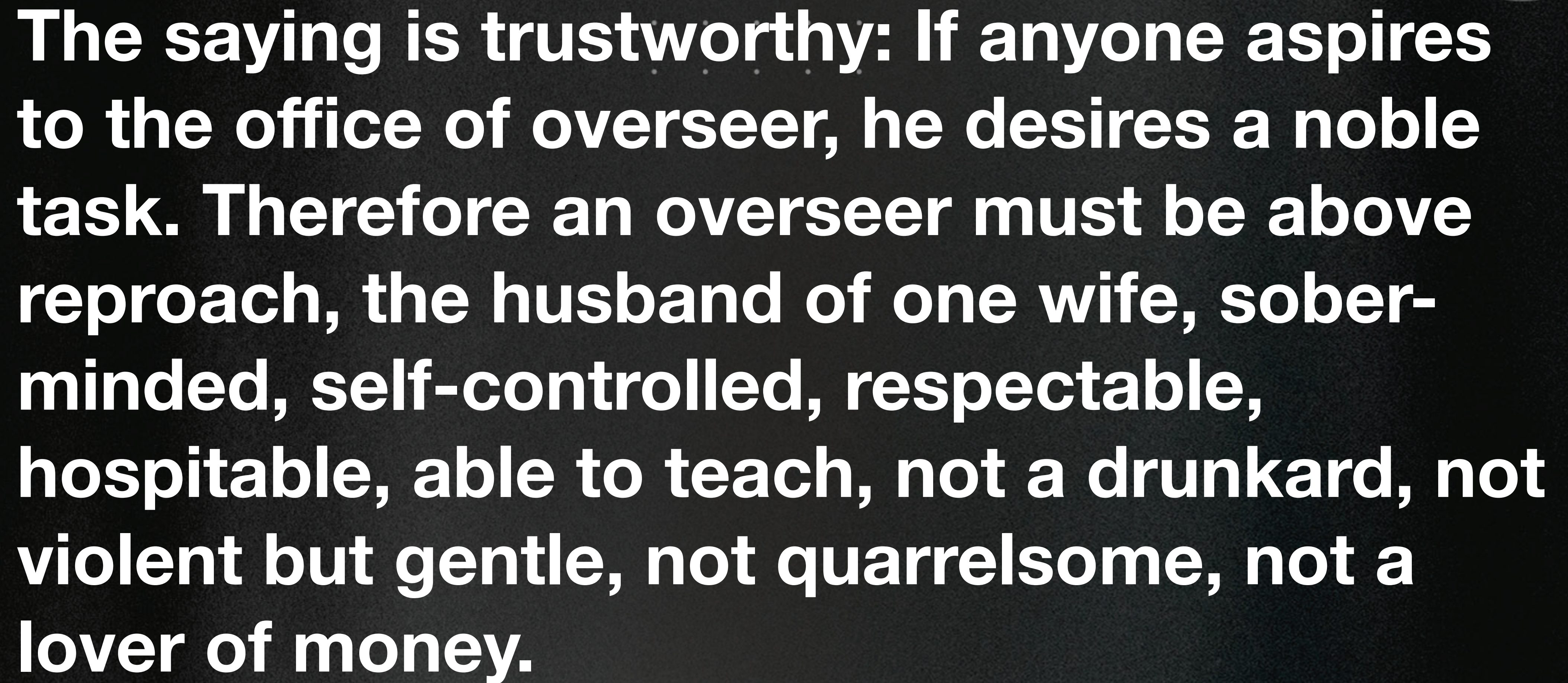
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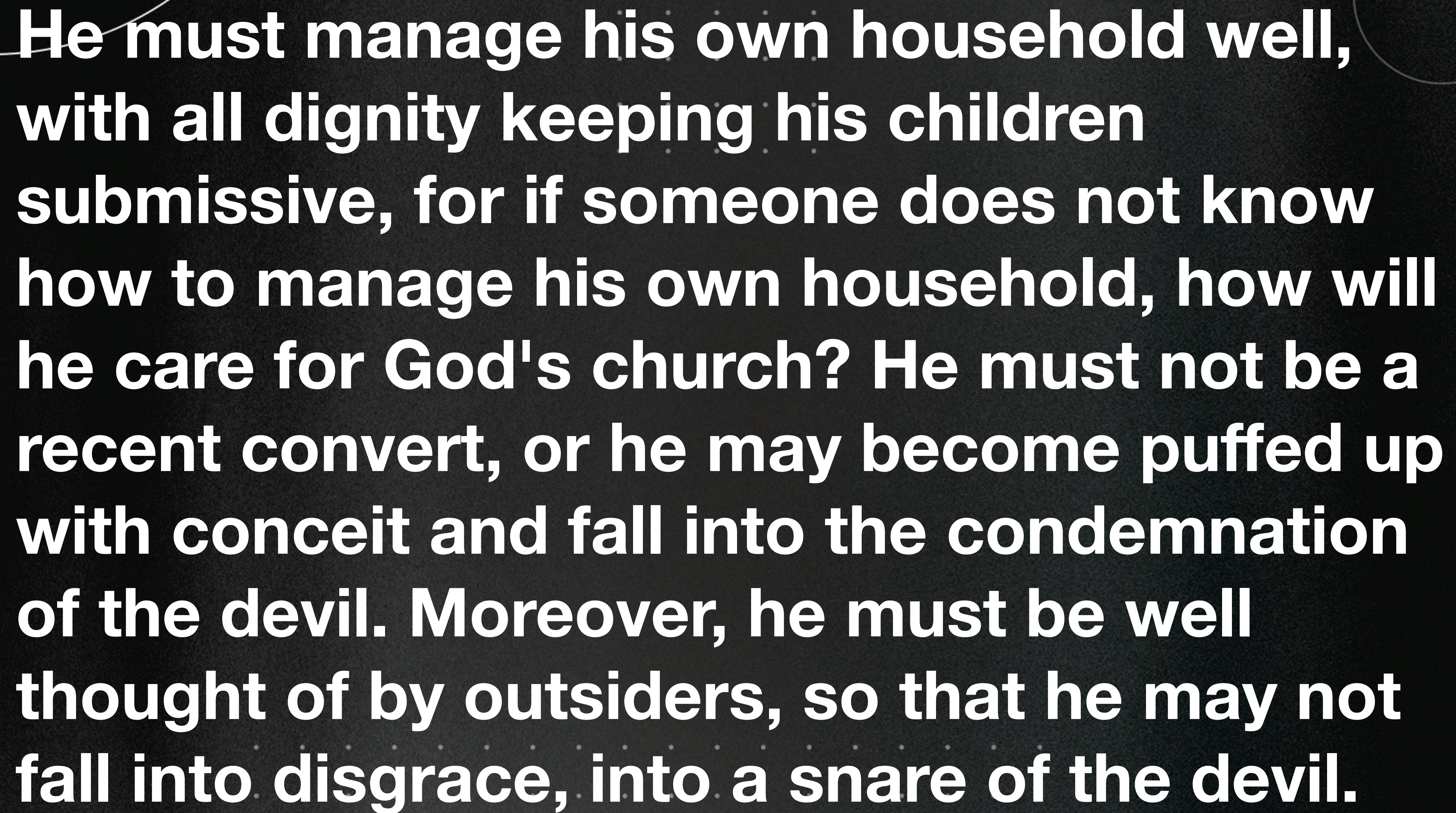
The **aim of our charge is love** that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

1 Timothy 1:5 ESV

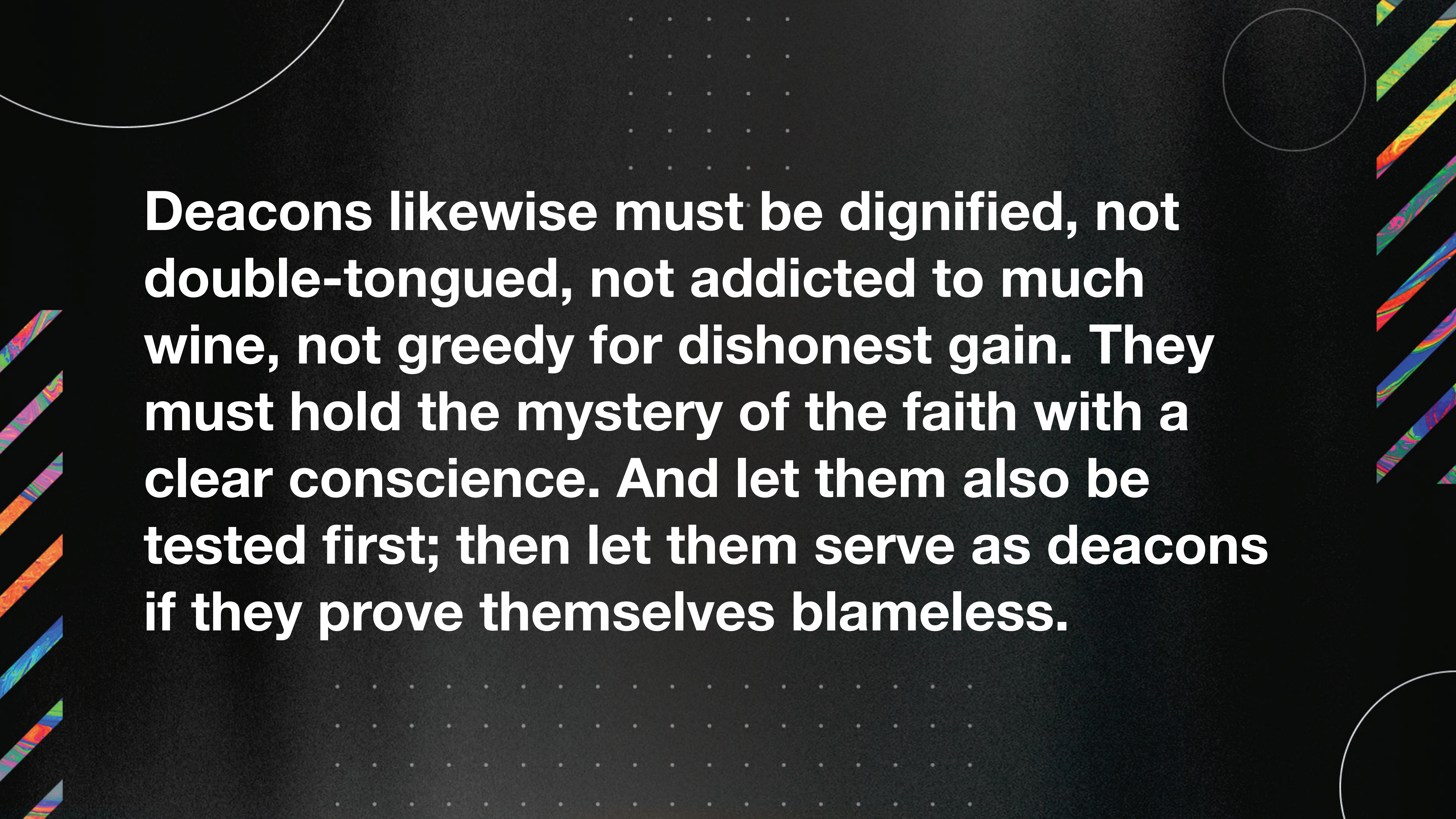
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The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.



He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.



Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless.

Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 3:1-13 ESV



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And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God **to serve tables.**”

Acts 6:2 ESV

Serve: **diakoneo** – to serve, from which
we get the word Deacon.

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1 Timothy 3:1-2 ESV

Overseer: **Episkope** – the office of watching over, directing and caring for, in this case, the church. Some render it as Bishop.

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint **elders (Presbyteros)** in every town as I directed you— For an **overseer (Episkope)**, as God's steward....

Titus 1:6-7 ESV



John Robert Walmsley Stott

*Anglican priest, theologian, author, leader in the Evangelical movement
(b. 1921 – d. 2011)*

“The word presbyteros (elder) was Jewish in origin, whereas episkopos was Greek in origin (used often for municipal officials) and indicated the superintending nature of the pastor’s ministry. In sum, the title episkopos denotes function, presbyteros the dignity, the former was borrowed from Greek institutions, the latter from the Jewish.”

John Stott

Aspires – to exert effort to attain a goal.

Do not be hasty in the **laying on of hands**...

1 timothy 5:22 ESV

1. Blameless

Not deserving or worthy of rebuke or criticism. Blameless, not open to attack.

2. Marital Faithfulness

Abstain from every form of evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:22 ESV

“form” = appearance of.

3. Mastery of Self

Sober-minded: clear headed – not given to extremes

Self-Controlled: disciplined – wisely keeping control over passions and desire

Respectable: Moderation as a regular practice



François Rabelais

physician, scholar, diplomat, Catholic priest, satirist
(b. 1494 - d. 1553)

“How shall I be able to rule over others if I have not full power and command of myself?”

François Rabelais
16th Century French satirist



4. Care for Others

love of strangers



5. Able to Impart Truth to Others

Characterized by an ability **to impart skills or knowledge** to someone.

6. Not Mastered by Passions

Not a Drunkard

Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, **not addicted to much wine...**

1 Timothy 3:8 ESV

And **do not get drunk with wine**, for that is debauchery, but be **filled with the Spirit...**

Ephesians 5:18 ESV

6. Not Mastered by Passions

Not violent but gentle, Not Quarrelsome

Love one another with brotherly affection.
Outdo one another in **showing honor**.

Romans 12:10 ESV

6. Not Mastered by Passions

Not a lover of money

For **the love of money** is a root of all kinds of **evils**. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

1 Timothy 6:10 ESV

I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.
You yourselves know that these hands
ministered to my necessities and to those
who were with me.

Acts 20:33-34 ESV



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7. Present and Respected at Home

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but **bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.**

Ephesians 6:4 ESV

8. Respected by Outsiders

Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:15-16 ESV



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- **Blameless**
- **Marital Faithfulness**
- **Mastery of Self**
(Sober minded/Self-controlled Respectable)
- **Care for Other** *(hospitality)*
- **Able to Impart Truth to Others**
- **Not Mastered by Passions**
(Alcohol/Anger/Money)
- **Present and Respected at Home**
- **Respected by Outsiders**



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