

### What They Need to Lead – 1 Timothy 3:1-7

#### My Story

1. If you could pick one famous historical figure (other than Jesus) to lead a small group, who would it be and why?

#### Digging Deeper

2. Why do you think Paul emphasizes being “above reproach” as the first qualification for leadership? In what ways does this qualification impact those that follow in Paul’s list?
3. Aside from a reference to being “able to teach,” Paul does not mention the function of the overseer. The other things on his list are more character qualities. Why is the ability to teach considered a necessary qualification for an overseer?

4. How can having a “good reputation with outsiders” affect the witness of the church? Why is it important for spiritual leaders to be examples not just within the church, but also in their personal and public lives?

#### Reflection

5. How are you practicing self-control in your words, habits, and emotions? In what ways can you model gentleness and patience, especially when under pressure or provoked?
6. How can the church community seek to raise up future leaders who demonstrate these qualities? What can we do to support present leaders in maintaining these qualifications faithfully?

# SERMON NOTES

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## Taking the Next Step

How do those outside the Church (coworkers, neighbors, community members) perceive your character and faith? Pray for God's help to live a life above reproach, that you might provide a good example those inside and outside the Church.

## Praises / Prayer Requests

