



Sermon Notes March 29 & 30, 2014

Leadership that Cares for Me

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The church is a community of believers who confess Jesus as Savior and Lord. Organizing under biblical, qualified leadership, gathering regularly for preaching and worship, observing baptism and communion, unified by the Holy Spirit, pursuing holiness through the disciplines, and scattering to fulfill the Great Commandment and Great Commission as missionaries throughout the world as well as where we work, live, and play. All this to the glory of God and our joy.

“But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the Word.”

Acts 6:4 (ESV)

And the Word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, ...

Acts 6:7 (ESV)

Elders are shepherds who oversee the direction and health of the church by way of the ministry of the Word of God and prayer.

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task.

1 Timothy 3:1 (ESV)

1. They must have an aspiration.

Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, ...

1 Timothy 3:2 (ESV)

2. They are above reproach.



... the husband of one wife, ...

1 Timothy 3:2 (ESV)

3. They are a one-woman man.

I ask you, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the Gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Philippians 4:3

... sober-minded, self-controlled, ...

1 Timothy 3:2 (ESV)

4. They are discerning, reasonable, and able to control their emotions.

... respectable, hospitable, ...

1 Timothy 3:2 (ESV)

5. They are reputable and gracious.

... able to teach, ...

1 Timothy 3:2 (ESV)

6. They are able to teach.

He must hold firm to the trustworthy Word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

Titus 1:9 (ESV)



... not a drunkard, ...

1 Timothy 3:3 (ESV)

7. They are not given to addictions.

... not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, ...

1 Timothy 3:3 (ESV)

8. Their words and actions lead to peace.

... not a lover of money.

1 Timothy 3:3 (ESV)

9. They handle money well.

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?

1 Timothy 3:4-5 (ESV)

10. They have well-ordered homes.

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

1 Timothy 3:6 (ESV)

11. They are mature believers who are continuing to mature.



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

1 Timothy 3:7 (ESV)

12. They have a good reputation outside of this place.

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

1 Peter 5:1-4 (ESV)

They oversee our church prayerfully.

They oversee our church doctrinally.

They oversee our church with a servant's heart.

They do it eagerly.

They do it humbly.

They do it patiently.
