

## Leading the Body

1 Timothy 3:1-7

Ecclesia, 8

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### **Living as a family requires leadership ...** verse 1

"if anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task"

- An overseer (elder, pastor) is one who leads and feeds the body.
- Elder leadership is a beautiful thing.

### **Healthy leaders are marked by ...** verses 2-7

- an integrity that permeates one's life.  
"above reproach"
- a life that is characterized by being ...
  - ... a one-woman kind of man.  
"husband of one wife"
  - ... balanced in thought, attitude, and action.  
"temperate, self-controlled, and respectable"
  - ... open with one's heart and life.  
"hospitable"
  - ... a student of God's truth and able to share truth.  
"able to teach"
  - ... not controlled by substances  
"not given to drunkenness"
  - ... slow to respond in the midst of conflict  
"not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome"
  - ... not controlled by money  
"not a lover of money"
  - ... astute in relationships with those in his family  
"knows how to manage his own family"
  - ... on the spiritual journey of brokenness  
"not a recent convert"
  - ... wise in relationships with those who don't know Christ  
"a good reputation with outsiders"

### **APPLICATION**

Are you willing to submit to leadership?

How are you influencing others?

### **Quotes:**

"Leadership is all about influence ... influencing people toward a deepening relationship with Christ."

"It's not about doing big things, but doing the small things with a lot of love." Mother Theresa