

THE SPECIAL OFFICES IN THE CHURCH

ELDERS and DEACONS

TOPICS:

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#2: PREPARING TO BE AN OFFICE-BEARER

I TIMOTHY 3:1

“This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.”

- If someone desires office, he ought to prepare himself for it.
- That’s necessary for someone who desires to be a pastor.
- It should also be the case for elders and deacons.

WHEN SHOULD A MAN BEGIN TO PREPARE TO BE AN OFFICE-BEARER?

- **Not wait until nominated and/or chosen to be an office-bearer. That's too late.**
 - We don't let pastors do that. A disaster if we did.
 - We do not do that with earthly work/jobs either.
- **Men should prepare well ahead of time.**
 - All men should have in mind that they might serve as office-bearers one day.
 - All men should start preparing when are young, and continue throughout their lives.

HOW SHOULD A MAN PREPARE HIMSELF TO BE AN OFFICE-BEARER?

- 1. By knowing the qualifications in I Timothy 3.**
[Read and study chapter often]
 - 2. By striving to live according to qualifications.**
[Developing in things in which you are weak]
 - 3. By studying what work of Elders & Deacons is.**
[Reading Bible, reading books]
- **NOTE: Every man in the church (young and old) should live according to I Timothy 3. Only if you live this way will it be possible for the Consistory to nominate you to be an office-bearer.**

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THE NEED FOR MEN AND FOR OFFICE-BEARERS IN THE CHURCH

1) Men are needed in this church

- Men who are good leaders (as 1 Timothy 3 teaches) in their homes and with their families.
- Men who are faithful in the church: spiritually minded, always attend, bring families, involved, etc.
- Who can serve as OB's, and who desire to do so.

2) Young men are needed in this church

- The time will come when our current office-bearers won't be able to be OB's anymore.
- Young men need to be committed to this church – not leave for any earthly reasons.

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- 1) Men are needed in this church
- 2) Young men are needed in this church
- 3) **This is all necessary for the future existence of this church.**
 - You cannot have a church without office-bearers.
 - Church needs to have pastor, elders, deacons.

CONCLUSION

- **Encourage each man to desire to be an office-bearer and to strive to be well prepared for this.**
 - **Are desiring a good work.**
 - **Are desiring a significant work.**
 - **Are seeking to use your gifts and time well.**
- **Such a desire for office and such a godly preparation is pleasing to God.**
- **If the men here do this, it will serve the future existence and welfare of this church.**