



1 Timothy

(3:1-7)

**Qualifications of Church
Leaders**

The Main Idea



Character is more important than duty

1 Timothy 3:1

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

1 Timothy 3:1

ELDER



BISHOP



PASTOR



1 Timothy 3:1

TASK



Original Word: ἔργον (ergon)
Definition: work, labor, action,
deed



VERSES TO CONSIDER:

2 Tim. 4:5

1 Thess. 5:12

Col. 1:28-29

1 Timothy 3:2

**2 Therefore an overseer
must be above reproach, the
husband of one wife, sober-
minded, self-controlled,
respectable, hospitable, able
to teach,**

1 Timothy 3:2

1. THE MORAL CHARACTER OF A GODLY LEADER



anepílēptos (from 1 /A "not" and 1949 /epilambánomai, "apprehend") – properly, not apprehended (found wrong) when censured or attacked, i.e. without blame in light of the whole picture.

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"One-woman man"

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nēpháleos (an adjective, derived from 3525 /néphō, "to be sober"); properly, not intoxicated, free from negative influences (intoxicants); (figuratively) clear-minded; circumspect ("sober"), free from life-dominating influences.

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- 4** "self-controlled": curbing one's desires and impulses, self-controlled, temperate
- 5** kósmios (from 2889 /kósmos, "world";)
– literally, ordered (properly organized); hence, well-prepared (well-ordered).

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philoxenos: loving strangers;
hospitable; generous to guests; cf.
Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:2; 1 Pet. 4:9

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didaktikos: skillful at teaching; cf. 5:17;
2 Tim. 2:24

1 Timothy 3:3

**3 not a drunkard, not violent
but gentle, not quarrelsome,
not a lover of money.**

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does not have a reputation as a drinker: cf. Prov. 20:1; 23:29-35; Is. 28:7; 56:9-12

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gentle: considerate; genial; forbearing; gracious, etc.

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amachos: abstaining from fighting; peaceable; not contentious

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aphilárgyros (from 1 /A, "not," 5368 /philéō, "fond of" and 696 /árgyros, "silver") – properly, "not fond of silver," i.e. not covetous for money; free from the love of materialism

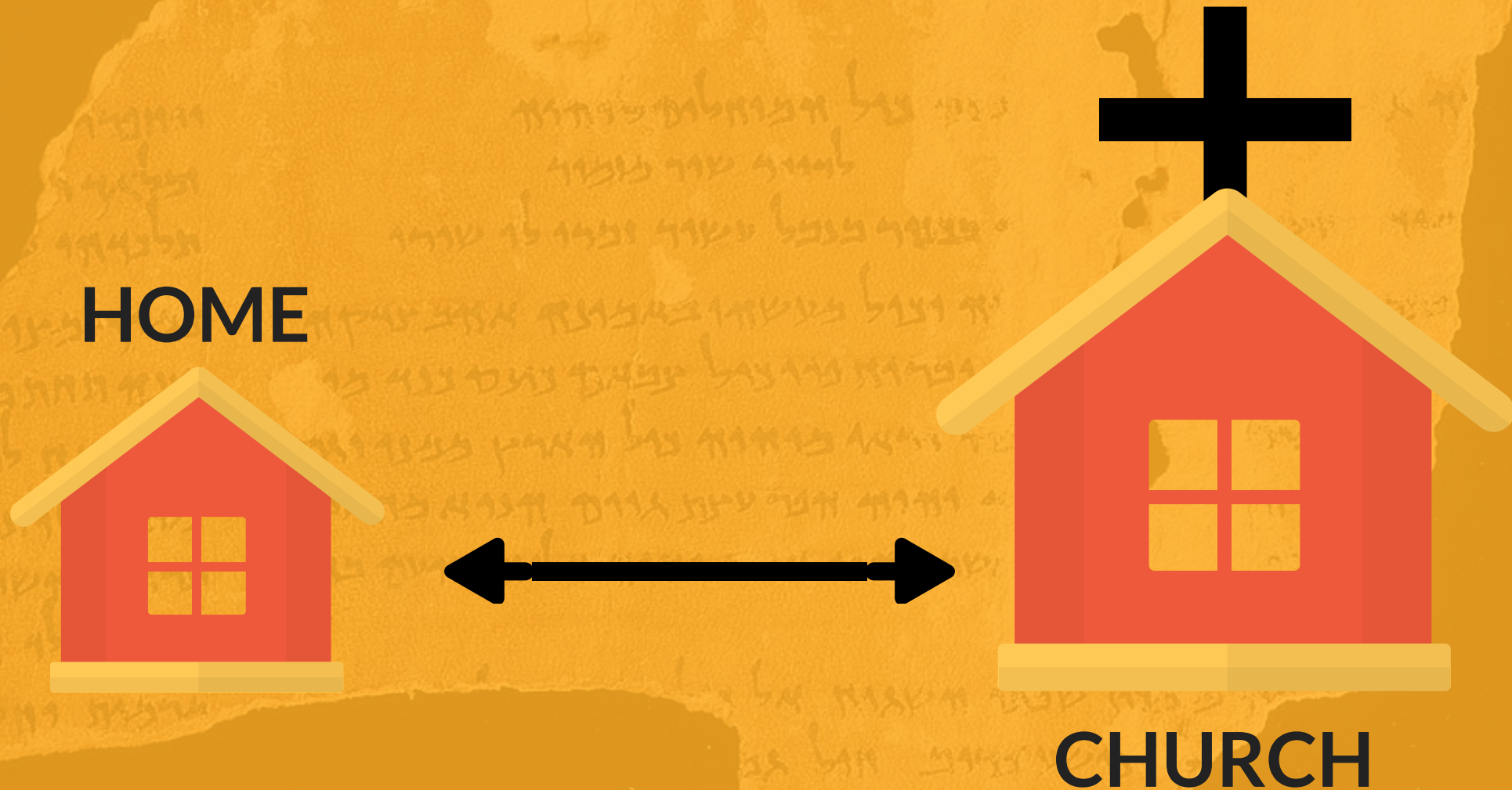
cf. 1 Thess. 2:5; 1 Pet. 5:2; Jude 16;
Acts 20:33

1 Timothy 3:4-5

4 He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, 5 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

2. THE HOME LIFE OF A GODLY LEADER



cf. 1 Sam. 2:12-17; 3:13

1 Timothy 3:6

6 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

3. THE SPIRITUAL MATURITY OF A GODLY LEADER



VERSES TO CONSIDER:

Prov. 16:18

Ezek. 28:11-19

Isa. 14:12-14

1 Timothy 3:7

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

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3. THE PUBLIC REPUTATION OF A GODLY LEADER



VERSES TO CONSIDER:

Phil. 2:15

Col. 4:5

1 Pet. 2:12