

## 1 Timothy 3:1a

### *The Office of Overseer*

#### Introductory Comments

#### The Titles for Overseers

#### The Number of Overseers

#### The Authority of Overseers

## Application of 1 Tim 3:1a

1. Why is understanding the Biblical model for church leadership important and necessary?
2. What is the second requirement for an elder candidate in v. 1a (the first being he is to be male)?
  - a. What might motivate an individual to aspire to this office? Are all such motivations pure?
  - b. How might a potential elder demonstrate a true aspiration (remember “aspire” is not just a desire, but pursuit of this desire) to the office of overseer?
3. What other titles or references for “overseers” are used in the NT? What verses describe these different terms as speaking of the same leadership role in the church?
4. How is a plurality of elders in a church supported in Scripture?
5. What’s the difference between “elder-rule” and “elder-led”? What reasons from Scripture support “elder-rule” as the model of church governance?
  - a. Does “elder-rule” rule out participation from the congregation? In what ways could you be involved in decision making processes in the church (e.g. decisions you’ve been delegated or provided advice on decisions to be made)?
6. What other models of church governance are you aware of and why are these not the biblical model for church leadership?
7. How might your experience in other churches have shaped your view (good or bad) on church governance today?
8. Are you willing and able to support the church leadership structure of GBC? If you have questions or concerns please see me!

Reading this week: Read 1 Tim 3:1-7

## Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
	<i>The O _____ of O _____</i>	_____
<u>Chapter</u>	Introductory C _____	_____
	The T _____ for O _____	_____
<u>Verses</u>	The N _____ of O _____	_____
	The A _____ of O _____	_____
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### Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Church(es)	Elders	Leaders/ leadership	Paul	Overseer(s)

What is the message about? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you do this? \_\_\_\_\_

What/who can you pray for? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture related to the message: