

Qualities of church leaders

Read 1 Timothy 3:1-10.

This passage describes the qualities Paul considered important for leaders in the church.

- What does Paul say about the person who sets their heart on being an overseer (verse 1)?
- Which of the qualities listed for overseers and deacons (verses 2-5 and 7-9) might be important for your group leader(s) and why?
- What danger does verse 6 say there is in having a recent convert as a church leader? Could there be the same danger for your group if you had a new member leading?
- What does verse 10 say about deacons?

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