

LEAD THE FIELD

(1 Timothy 3:1–7)

Introduction

Talking to Myself

"Pastoral Conduct" (3:15)

I. (v. 1) Overseeing—A Noble Task

*Overseers (Episcopas) + Elders (Presbuteros) (5:17)

*Pastor / Shepherd (Guard, Guide & Provide for the Flock)

Note: (Eph. 4:11; Ac. 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:1–4)

II. (v. 2–5) Qualifications for Leadership

1. Moral Character (Integrity)

2. Healthy Relationships (Marriage & Family Life)

3. Aptitude (skill)

* What about education?

III. (v. 6–7) Beware of Demonic Traps

1. Pride

2. Leading a double life

*What other traps does the devil set?

Note: (Zech. 13:7)

Application

1. What traps might the devil set for our church leaders at Bethel Gilead?

2. How high a premium do we place on moral character and healthy relationships in choosing leaders?

3. How can we get greater benefit from our Pastors?

Note: (Heb. 13:7)

*Next week: Deacons—Serving the Church