

The Call to Lead the Church, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: 1 Timothy 3.

B. Leadership in the church is lacking today. (Jeremiah 2:8; 5:31; 8:8; 10:21; 12:10; 23:1-2; 1 Samuel 2:10; Malachi 2; Matthew 23:15; Galatians 1; Colossians 2; 2 Peter 2)

C. Leadership is an important calling. (Acts 20; 1 Peter 5:1-2)

D. Leaders laid their hands on others to establish leadership. (Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5; Acts 13:2; 23; 20:28)

E. There are qualifications for church leadership.

II. The leader must be blameless.

A. This is the basic overall requirement.

B. This does not mean that he has been blameless his whole life. This refers to present blamelessness.

C. The word means that one is beyond accusation.

D. This has to do with setting a model for others. (2 Thessalonians 3:9, 1 Peter 5)

III. We ought to especially pray for our leaders.

A. The Devil will attack those on the front lines in particular.

B. The fall of a leader affects many.

C. Those who know more sin more severely because they sin against knowledge.

D. The sins of leaders have greater hypocrisy because of preaching.

IV. Leaders require greater grace and greater power.

V. How leadership is protected.

A. Time in the Word. (Psalm 13)

B. Spiritual fellowship.

Application Questions:

1. Why is good leadership so important in the church?

2. What does it mean for a leader to be blameless?

3. How will you pray for your leaders this week? Spend some time writing out your prayer below.
