



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?
7. What is an application to my life today ?

Study questions for 1 Timothy 3v1-7

(Remember to find the answers in the verses under consideration !)

[The ESV is highly recommended for accuracy in Bible study.]

- V 1 Paul continues to instruct Timothy on how we should act in church (1Tim3v14-15). **What** is the first qualification of an overseer (Elder, cf. Titus 1v5-9) in a local church ? Are ALL brothers in the Lord required to aim at being an Elder some day ?
- V 2 **Who** is qualified to be an overseer (Elder) according to this Scripture ? (There are 7 more qualifications in this verse.) Is a sister in the Lord allowed to be an overseer ?
- V 3 **How** would someone be disqualified ? (There are 4 characteristics in this verse.)
- Vs 4-5 **Where** must an overseer demonstrate his capacities in management ? Is business management required ? (It's surprising to observe that most evangelical churches have worldly successful overseers rather than humble family centered ones.)
- V 6 **When** is a brother in Christ qualified to be an overseer (Elder) ? Is it biblical to appoint a young Bible college or seminary graduate as an overseer ?
- V 7 The last of the 15 qualifications listed in this text concerns the unsaved world ! **Why** would the unsaved outsiders have a "voice" in who can be an overseer in our midst ?