

Qualified to Inspire  
**1 Timothy: Sound Doctrine in a Noisy World**  
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**Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion**

**1. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-5.**

Think about the church leaders that you have known. Who has had the most impact in your life and how did they impact you?

What do these verses tell you about the kind of character that is necessary for someone who serves in a church leadership role?

Why are these qualities so important for those who hold leadership positions? What is at stake if these characteristics are not evident in a leader's life?

**2. Read 1 Timothy 3:6-7.**

Why is it important that new believers not be put in leadership positions in the church? What needs to happen in the life of a believer before they are entrusted with leadership responsibilities?

Why does it matter that a church leader has a good reputation in the community outside the church?

**3. Read 1 Timothy 3:8-13.**

What 'mystery of the faith' is Paul referring to in verse 9 (see vs. 16)?

If you were asked to explain the gospel to someone, could you do it? What would you say?

Why do you think Paul emphasizes the importance of the integrity of a leader's spouse and having a healthy family dynamic in the home?

**4. Read 1 Timothy 3:14-16.**

What does Paul say about his purpose in writing these instructions regarding leadership?

How is the way that God designed leadership to function in the church different from how leadership functions in our world? Why does that matter and what does it model to the secular culture around us?

What truths does Paul declare about Jesus in verse 16? Which of them stands out to you and why?

As you consider the qualities of a Christ-like leader, where is God calling you to grow to be more like Him?