**Series: Rediscover Church**

**Today: The Unique Shape of Christian Leadership**

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***1 Timothy 3:1-12***

*Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. 2Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 4He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Timothy+3&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29736a)*] respect. 5(If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God’s church?) 6He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 7He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil’s trap.*

*8In the same way, deaconsare to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. 9They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. 10They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.*

*12A deacon must be faithful to his wife and must manage his children and his household well.*

*11In the same way, the womenare to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything.*

***Titus 2:3-5***

*3Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, 4and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, 5to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.*

1. Church Leadership Is …
2. Godliness Driven
3. Plural
4. Complex
5. Layered
6. Purposeful

***Colossians 1:28 (ESV)***

*28Christ we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.*

*“not a needy one among them”*

1. Dependent

***Colossians 1:29***

*29For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.*

1. Four Leadership Temptations
2. Pressure
3. Power
4. Purity
5. People
6. The Most Difficult Person to Lead is You.