

1 Timothy — Worksheet 1: Answer Key

Qualifications for Leaders — marking guide

Use this to mark your own worksheet. For reflection questions, there is no single right answer — check that your response genuinely engages with the passage.

1. What is said about the office of a bishop/overseer in 1 Timothy 3:1?

That desiring it is a good work/desire.

2. List at least four qualities required of an overseer/bishop in 1 Timothy 3:2-3.

Any four of: blameless, husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy, patient, not a brawler, not covetous.

3. What does 1 Timothy 3:4-5 say about how a leader should manage their own household?

Well, with children in subjection, since someone who can't manage their own house can't be expected to care for the church.

4. What warning is given in 1 Timothy 3:6 about new converts in leadership?

That they shouldn't be given leadership too soon, in case pride leads to the same downfall as the devil.

5. Reflection: Why do you think character, not just skill or charisma, is emphasised so heavily for church leadership here?

Open, personal reflection.