



## Group Discussion and Application

1. What led you to pursue your job/vocation? What were the requirements?
2. How does a person discern the call of God?
3. How can we discern a person's motivation for ministry to know if their desire for office is the call of God?
4. List some proper and improper motivations for Christian ministry.
5. Why is a person's reputation so important for holding office in the church? How should the church deal with a "fallen" leader? What happens when the standard is lowered?
6. How is self-discipline developed?
7. Why does Paul emphasize moral and spiritual character qualities as requirements for elders and deacons rather than skills for a job description?
8. In addition to those in our text, list some more qualifications for elders and deacons in the church.
9. What should we pray for those who hold office in our church?



## Personal Reflection and Response

1. Pray individually for those who hold office in our congregation.
2. In what specific area(s) of life do you need to develop self-control? What specific steps will you take to discipline your life in these areas?



## Family Homework

1. Why is self-control so important in our lives? List some areas of life where self-control is necessary. What happens when there is a lack of self-control in these areas?
2. In what area of your own life do you need greater self-control? Make this an item of prayer. Consider what action you can take to develop self-control.
3. As a family, pray specifically for those who hold office in our church.



# Church Classifieds (part 1)

1 Timothy 3:1-13

*What does God require of those who hold office in the church?*

**1** Earnest \_\_\_\_\_

**2** Right \_\_\_\_\_

**3** Clear \_\_\_\_\_

**4** Pervasive \_\_\_\_\_