**1 Timothy 3**

*Leadership is not magnetic personality; that can just as well be a glib [slick, persuasive] tongue. It is not making friends and influencing people; that is flattery. Leadership is lifting a person’s vision to higher sights, the raising of a person’s performance to higher standards, the building of a personality beyond its normal limitations. A leader is one who has followers. An effective leader is not someone who is loved or admired. He is someone whose followers do the right thing. Popularity is not leadership, results are. Leaders are highly visible. They, therefore, set examples. Leadership is not rank or privileges, titles or money. Leadership is responsibility.*

* Peter Drucker, perhaps the most noted authority on leadership in the 20th century.

***Who is someone that has exemplified leadership in your life? How did they do so?***

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**Discussion Questions:**

1. Thinking back on the last two Bible studies, why do you think Paul chooses to speak now about qualifications of overseers and deacons at this point in his letter? Why might this be important for the church to know?
2. What is an overseer and what is a deacon? What qualifications does Paul outline for each of these roles? In what ways do you think each of these characteristics is important?
3. Why might the managing of one’s household be mentioned in this chapter (vv. 4-5, 12)? How does this relate to church leadership?
4. What purpose does Paul give in this chapter for writing these things and to what truth is he referring (see v. 16)? Why is it important to remember this point?
5. How can you apply this in your own life? In what ways must you strive to be a better leader or church member? In what ways can you support the church leadership?