

## **SERMON NOTES** SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2009

---

### **Letters that Live - “Leaders and Leadership in the Local Church”**

*Bob McCoy*

Introduction – From fear to dread...seeing one’s own inadequacy...

Text – 1 Timothy 3

Main Idea – Paul moves on from his general instructions to Timothy regarding his care and correction of Christians to the specific qualifications for local church leaders/leadership. He has a three-pronged focus...followed by a summary model of Jesus:

#### I. Overseers – their character & conduct

- A. Issues of terminology – what their calling reveals about their conduct
- B. Issues of temperament – who they should appear to be
  - Public Reputation – blameless before the world at large
  - Primary Relationships – loyal in intimate relationships
  - Personal Rigor – self-mastery in internal disciplines
  - People-Receptive – welcoming of/to others
- C. Issues of testing – what they should “bring to the table”
  - Competence in making things clear – “able to teach” - modeling the material
  - Caring for his kids – “manage his own family well” – management 101
  - Capacity to deal with conceit/temptation – “not a recent convert” – maturity

#### II. Deacons – their sincerity & service

- A. Definition of terms
- B. Determination of Character & Competence
  - [1] Character issues
  - [2] Competence issues
- C. Division of Labor

#### III. Wives – their teamwork & temperance

Character that proves calling

#### IV. Jesus – mystery and meaning

– How does “household leadership” model the work of Christ?

Conclusion