

# 1 Tim. 3:1-7 mws

## V. 1

πιστός

pertaining to being worthy of belief or trust, trustworthy, faithful, dependable, inspiring trust/faith, of things, especially of words, 'it is a trustworthy saying' cf. 1:15, 4:9, 2 Tim 2:11, Titus 3:8

pertaining to being trusted, faithful, trustworthy, dependable, reliable

ἐπισκοπῆς

engagement in oversight, supervision, of leaders of Christian communities  
a religious role involving both service and leadership, office, position, ministry as church leader, 'if a man is eager to fulfill a ministry as a church leader, he desires an excellent work'

ὀρέγεται

PMI3sg

fr. ὀρέγω

to seek to accomplish a specific goal, aspire to, strive for, desire, 'aspire to the office of supervision/oversight'

to eagerly desire to accomplish some goal or purpose, to strive to attain, to aspire to, to eagerly long for, 'if anyone aspires to be an overseer'

καλοῦ

pertaining to being in accordance at a high level, with the purpose of something, good, useful, unobjectionable, blameless, excellent, 'helpful, beneficial'

pertaining to a positive moral quality, with the implication of being favorably valued, good, fine, praiseworthy

ἔργου

that which one does as regular activity work, occupation, task, of an office  
that which one normally does, work, task

ἐπιθυμεῖ

PAI3sg

fr. ἐπιθυμῶ

to have a strong desire to do or secure something, desire, long for

to greatly desire to do or have something, to long for, to desire very much

## V. 2

ἐπίσκοπον

refers to one who has a definite function or fixed office of guardianship and related activity within a group. The term was taken over in Christian communities in reference to one who served as overseer or supervisor, with special interest in guarding the apostolic tradition  
one who serves as a leader in a church, church leader

ἀνεπίληπτον

irreproachable, cf. 5:7, 6:14

of moral conduct, blameless, above criticism, without fault

pertaining to what cannot be criticized, above criticism, beyond reproach

μιάς

a single person or thing, with focus on quantitative aspect, one, in contrast to more than one  
one in contrast to more than one, one

γυναικός

a married woman, wife  
a woman who is married to a man, wife

ἄνδρα

an adult human male, man, husband, especially husband  
a man who is married to a woman, husband

νηφάλιον

pertaining to being restrained in conduct, self-controlled, level-headed  
pertaining to being very moderate in the drinking of an alcoholic beverage, temperate, sober  
pertaining to behaving in a sober, restrained manner, sober, restrained, ‘a church leader...must be sober, self-controlled, and orderly’

σώφρονα

pertaining to being in control of oneself, prudent, thoughtful, self-controlled, being a characteristic of persons distinguished for public service, appears in the list of qualifications for an overseer  
pertaining to being sensible and moderate in one’s behavior, sensible, sensibly, moderate, moderately

κόσμιον

pertaining to having characteristics or qualities that evoke admiration or delight, an expression of high regard for persons, respectable, honorable  
pertaining to being modest in the sense of moderate and well ordered, modest, well-ordered, moderate, becoming, ‘the church leader must be...sober, self-controlled, moderate’

φιλόξεινον

hospitable, cf. Titus 1:8  
pertaining to showing hospitality to strangers, to be hospitable

διδακτικόν

skillful in teaching, cf. 2 Tim. 2:24  
pertaining to being able to teach, able to teach, can teach, ‘a church leader must be a man above reproach...and he must be able to teach’

### V. 3

πάροινον

pertaining to one who is given to drinking too much wine, addicted to wine, drunken  
a person who habitually drinks too much and thus becomes a drunkard, drunkard, heavy drinker

πλήκτην

pugnacious person, bully

a person who is pugnacious and demanding, bully, violent person, 'not a drunkard or a bully'

ἐπιεικῆ

not insisting on every right or letter of law or custom, yielding, gentle, kind, courteous, tolerant  
pertaining to being gracious and forbearing, gentle, gracious, forbearing, cf. Titus 3:2

ἄμαχον

peaceable, cf. Titus 3:2

pertaining to a lack of conflict and contention, not contentious, peaceful

ἀφιλάργυρον

not loving money, not greedy, cf. Heb 13:5

pertaining to not being desirous or greedy for money, not loving wealth, one who does not love money

## V. 4

οἴκου

household, family

the family consisting of those related by blood and marriage, as well as slaves and servants,  
living in the same house or homestead, family, household

καλῶς

pertaining to meeting relatively high standards of excellence or expectation, fitly, appropriately,  
in the right way, splendidly, cf. v. 12, 13, 5:17

pertaining to events which measure up to their intended purpose, fine, well, good, excellent, well done

προϊστάμενον

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fr. προιστημι

to exercise a position of leadership, rule, direct, be at the head (of), of officials and  
administrators in congregations, cf. v. 12

to so influence others as to cause them to follow a recommended course of action, to guide, to direct, to lead

ὑποταγῆ

the state of submissiveness, subjection, subordination, 'keep children under control'

to submit to the orders or directives of someone, to obey, to submit to, obedience, submission

σεμνότητος

a manner or mode of behavior that indicates one is above what is ordinary and therefore worthy  
of special respect, of a human being, dignity, seriousness, probity, holiness

behavior which is befitting, implying a measure of dignity leading to respect, propriety, befitting  
behavior, cf. 2:2

## V. 5

προσῆναι                      AAInf                      fr. προιστημι  
see above

οἶδεν                      PfAI3sg                      fr. οἶδα  
to know/understand how, can, be able, ‘does not know how to manage his own household’  
to have the knowledge as to how to perform a particular activity or to accomplish some goal, to  
know how to

ἐπιμελήσεται                      FPdepI3sg                      fr. ἐπιμελεομαι  
care for, take care of, cf. Luke 10:34  
to give proper consideration to some issue or manner, to think about, to be concerned about, to  
give attention so as to respond, ‘if a man does not know how to manage his own family, how can  
he give proper consideration to (the needs of) God’s church?’

## V. 6

νεόφυτον  
newly planted in the Christian community, newly converted  
an individual who has recently become a member of a religious group, recent convert, ‘not a  
recent convert, in order that he may not swell up with pride’

τυφωθεῖς                      APPtcpMSN                      fr. τυφωω  
be puffed up, conceited  
to be so arrogant as to be practically demented, to be insanely arrogant, to be extremely proud, to  
be very arrogant

κρίμα  
legal decision rendered by a judge, judicial verdict, in an unfavorable sense, of the condemnatory  
verdict and sometimes the subsequent punishment itself  
to judge a person to be guilty and liable to punishment, to judge as guilty, to condemn,  
condemnation

ἐμπέση                      AAS3sg                      fr. ἐπιπτω  
to experience a state or condition, fall (into/among)  
to experience somewhat suddenly that which is difficult or bad, to come to experience, to  
experience, to encounter, to be beset by, ‘in order that he may not be puffed up and thus  
experience the condemnation meted out to the Devil’

## V. 7

μαρτυρίαν  
attestation of character or behavior, testimony, statement of approval, ‘have a good standing with  
outsiders’  
that which is said about a person on the basis of an evaluation of the person’s conduct,  
reputation, ‘he should be a man who has a good reputation among people outside the church’

ἔξωθεν

pertaining to non-inclusion in a group, on the outside, ‘those on the outside, i.e. non-Christians’  
a person who is not a member of a particular in-group, outsider, ‘he should be a man who is respected by the outsiders’

ὀνειδισμόν

act of disparagement that results in disgrace, reproach, reviling, disgrace, insult, ‘fall into disgrace’  
to speak disparagingly of a person in a manner which is not justified, to insult, insult’

ἐμπέση

AAS3sg

fr. ἐπιπτω

see above

παγίδα

that which causes one to be suddenly endangered or unexpectedly brought under control of a hostile force, trap, snare  
an instrument or means for gaining control, implying an element of surprise, means of control, way of trapping