

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: May 17, 2020
1 Timothy 3:1-7

1. What is Paul talking about when he says overseer?
 - a. Somebody who oversees things.
 - b. This is also translated bishop.
 - c. Paul is talking leaders in the church who oversee the ministries of the church.
 - d. Pastors are some of the best examples of overseers.
 - e. The church of the Nazarene has translated this to mean those who are ordained as “elders.”

2. What does Paul say about the desire to be an overseer?
 - a. You shouldn’t desire to be an overseer.
 - b. If you set your heart on being an overseer, you desire a noble task.
 - c. If you desire to oversee others in the church, you must first pay close attention to your own life.

3. If you feel that God is calling you to oversee others in the church, does this seem to be a “right” that is given to you, according to this text? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

4. What do the following things mean?
 - a. Above reproach. _____
 - b. The husband of but one wife. _____
 - c. Temperate. _____
 - d. Self-controlled. _____
 - e. Respectable. _____
 - f. Hospitable. _____
 - g. Able to teach. _____
 - h. Not given to drunkenness. _____
 - i. Not violent but gentle. _____
 - j. Not quarrelsome. _____
 - k. Not a lover of money. _____

5. Why do verses 4-5 say that an overseer should manage their own family well? _____

6. Why does verse 6 say that an overseer must not be a recent convert? _____

7. What does verse 7 say about an overseer’s reputation with “outsiders?” _____

8. If somebody thinks God is calling them to be an “overseer,” but they don’t match up with these attributes, what should we do?
 - a. Give up, He can’t use you.
 - b. Allow God to change you and grow you in these areas.
 - c. Sheww...That was a close one. I almost had to do something hard, but I found an excuse not to.

9. Are these things that we don’t have to worry about if we don’t want to be an overseer? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____
