

A man you can trust

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (part 2)

- I. A man you can trust is self-controlled (1 Timothy 3:2,3).
 - A. He is self-controlled in character (1 Timothy 3:2).
 - *Temperate* – He limits and controls himself.
 - *Sober* – He knows when to be serious.
 - *Respectable* – He has a filter.
 - B. He is self-controlled in his lifestyle (1 Timothy 3:3).
 - *Not addicted to wine* – You don't wonder if he will drink too much.
 - *Not violent, but gentle* – You don't fear how he will react.
 - *Not quarrelsome* – You can comfortably discuss differing opinions with him.
 - *Not a lover of money* – He clearly prioritizes eternal things over financial gain.
- II. A man you can trust has a good reputation (1 Timothy 3:2,6,7).
 - A. He is recognized in the church for his spiritual influence (1 Timothy 3:2,6).
 - *Hospitable* – He opens his home to others.
 - *Able to teach* – He can explain biblical truth.
 - *Not a recent convert* – He has a spiritual track record of humility.
 - B. He has a good reputation outside the church (1 Timothy 3:7).
 - *Outsiders* – Those who know him respect him.