

# 1 Timothy 3:1–7

## “The Authentic Church” | Bill Park | Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Authenticity = “\_\_\_\_\_”

God guards the authenticity of His church by communicating specific “spiritual standards” for us who lead His church.

It is imperative to understand that our local church leaders are responsible for godly behavior, which sets the example for others to follow.

### I. The local church leadership’s position is described as “\_\_\_\_\_” (1 Timothy 3:1)

Five facts about “\_\_\_\_\_” (v. 1)

It is an office that is \_\_\_\_\_

It is an office that may be \_\_\_\_\_

It is an office that involves \_\_\_\_\_

It is an office that targets \_\_\_\_\_

It is an office that demands \_\_\_\_\_

### II. The local church leaders’ “\_\_\_\_\_” are for those of us who serve God in “\_\_\_\_\_” (1 Timothy 3:2–7)

#### A. The primary “\_\_\_\_\_” (v. 2)

A flawless gem

A bottle of whiteout

An exquisitely carved statue

A greased pig

A pitcher held up to the sun

#### B. The specific application of “\_\_\_\_\_” (vv. 2–7)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ v. 2

2. \_\_\_\_\_ v. 2

3. \_\_\_\_\_ v. 3

4. \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 4, 5

5. \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 6, 7

“All the qualifications he lists are spiritual virtues and character traits that mark godly teachers and leaders” (*The MacArthur New Testament Commentary*).

“The most important qualities that leaders can demonstrate are not intelligence, a forceful personality, glibness, diligence, vision, administrative skills, decisiveness, courage, humor, tact or any other similar natural attribute. Those all play a part, but the most desirable quality for any leader is \_\_\_\_\_. While \_\_\_\_\_ is most desirable in secular leadership, its absence is fatal to spiritual leadership” (*The MacArthur New Testament Commentary*).

“Give me a man of God—one man.”