PAUL TO A "T" 1 TIMOTHY 3

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word. **Read** the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries). **Begin** to answer the questions using your own words. *Questions are based on New International Version (NIV) 1984 edition.*

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	SECTION I: Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7
2.	In V1 , what trustworthy saying does Paul write to Timothy, and how would you word it in today's language?
3.	a) List the attributes an overseer must have from V2-7 .
	b) Choose several of the attributes and discuss why you think they are necessary for an overseer.
	c) In your own words describe the type of man Paul believes should be a spiritual leader in the church?
4.	How do the qualifications of a leader in the corporate world differ from those of a church leader, and how does this reflect the differing values of the world and the church?

SECTION II: Read 1 Timothy 3:8-13

5.	a)	Look up the word "deacon" in a dictionary or Bible dictionary. What is a deacon's role in church?
	b)	Contrast the traits of an overseer with the traits of a deacon. How are they similar and how do they differ? Similar Different
6.	a)	From V11 , describe the requirements for the wife of a deacon?
	b)	How do you think a woman with these traits would complement or assist her husband in his role as deacon?
	c)	Which of the traits listed in V11 do you desire in your own life and why?
7.	a)	From ${\bf V13}$, what two things do these leaders who serve well gain from their service?
	b)	Although Paul was speaking of overseers and deacons, describe how you've experienced one of these two things in areas of Christian leadership.
8.	Ac	SECTION III: Read 1 Timothy 3:14-16 cording to V14-15, why did Paul write these instructions to Timothy?

9.	What is God's household (V15) in Paul's words and in your own words?
10	0. a) V16 turns to the mystery of godliness. Who is the subject of this verse?
	b) What are the six aspects of Jesus' life and ministry that are listed in V16 ?
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	c) Given that V16 is a challenging verse to understand, how do you think that Jesus reveals the great "mystery of godliness?"
1	. Recall a time you have been blessed by a Godly leader. Write a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing for those God has called to positions of leadership in your church.
	DIGGING DEEPER
1.	In ${\bf V1}$, Paul says "If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task."
	a) What do you think he means by "sets his heart?"
	b) In your opinion, should someone seek a position of leadership or be called to it? (If possible, use Scripture to back up your answer.)
2.	The devil is referred to in V6 and V7 . What do you find interesting about these references in relation to key leadership roles being discussed?