

SERMON OUTLINE

Speaker: Dr Philip Satterthwaite

Text : 1 Timothy 3: 1 - 13

Title : Overseers And Deacons

Introduction

PSPC: an *orderly* church.

Oversight, discipline, administrative structures. Why?

1. The Role of ‘Overseer’: the Task and the Qualifications (3:1-7)

- ‘Bishop’? Elder?
- A noble calling (v. 1)
- The overseer’s character and gifts (vv. 2-3)
- The overseer’s household (vv. 4-5)
- The need for maturity (v. 6)
- A good reputation even outside the church (v. 7)
- The teaching about ‘elders’ at 5:17-20.

2. ‘Deacons’: the Task and the Qualifications (3:8-13)

- The nature of the role (note the plural): Acts 6
- Their character (v. 8)
- Their faith (v. 9)
- The need for testing (v. 10)
- How this relates to women (Deacons’ wives? Female deacons?) (v. 11)
- Their families (v. 12)
- Their growth in faith (v. 13)

Conclusion

Our pastors, elders and deacons deserve our support and prayers.

1 Timothy 3:14-16: the mystery of faith; the church as the foundation of the truth.