

*“If anyone sets his heart on being
an overseer”* (NIV 1984)

1 Tim 3:1

“set heart on” “desire” “aspire”

Compare **1Tim 6:10**, “longing for it”

Why...?

- **1Tim 1:12-16; Ac 20:24** Serve our Redeemer
- **Mt 20:25-28** Serve His people
- **1Tim 3:15, 16 (2:4)** Make the local church what God intended it to be

Beware “Moses syndrome” – **Ex 4:13-14!**

Beware “against Moses” syndrome – **Num 12:1,2**
(side issue); **16:3** (we “holy”)

▶ **Men:** *start now if haven't already*

▶ **Wives:** *encourage husbands*

▶ **Congregation:** *encourage men who “aspire” to
the work*

1 Tim 3:10 - “tested” “proved”

- Selected by congregation
 - “Let...be tested” Cmpr 5:16-17 (NAS77, KJV, NKJV, KJV, ASV)
 - 1 Tim 3:2f (qualifications) and need (vv1, 14-15) ... 4:6, 11, 16
 - Ac.6:3, 15:2,22; 1 Co 16:3; 2 Co 8:19
- Judgment involved