*Understanding 1 & 2 Timothy:*

**A Worthy Work**

*1 Timothy 3:1*

*Related Scriptures: Acts 20:27-31; Luke 6:39-40; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Hebrews 13:20-21; 1 Peter 2:25; Mark 10:42-44*

*Opening Thoughts:*

*Four significant statements about the work of an elder:*

I. **It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (Vs. 3:1a)

II. **It is done by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (Vs. 3:1b)

III. **It must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (Vs. 3:1b,d)

IV. **It is a worthy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (Vs. 3:1c)

*Four depictions of an elder’s work that reveal why Christ considers it a worthy work:*

 1-Protecting (Acts 20:29-30)

 2-Feeding (John 21:15-17)

 3-Leading (1 Peter 5:1-2)

 4-Caring (James 5:13-16)

* **Points to Ponder**
1. Why is the work of an elder in Christ’s church considered a worthy work?
2. How do elders in a church contribute to the overall spiritual life of a church?
3. Do you believe the work of an elder to be a worthy work? How important is this to you in your view of Christ’s church? What kind of impact do the elders of RBC have on you personally?