*Understanding 1 & 2 Timothy:*

**Character Not Charisma Part I**

*1 Timothy 3:2-7*

*Related Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 9:24-26; 1 Timothy 3:15; Nehemiah 6:10-14; Job 1:1; 1 Peter 3:13-16; 1 Peter 5:1-3; 1 Timothy 5:9*

*Opening Thoughts:*

I. **Absolutely Necessary** *(Vs. 2a)*

II. **Absolutely Accusation-Free** *(Vs. 2a)*

III. **Absolutely a One-Woman Man** *(Vs. 2b)*

* **Points to Ponder**

1. How does the first general characteristic mentioned of being above reproach challenge you in your witness to others? Spend time this week asking the Lord to reveal areas in your life where you may not be living in a way where you are accusation free.
2. These standards are to be true for leaders in Christ’s church and yet they should be true for all believers. How are you doing living up to these qualifications? How can you live up to such a high standard? Consider God’s grace and its work in your life this week.