



# **Vital Signs**

**Core Traits of  
a Healthy Church**

# Plurality of Pastors

**Acts 20**

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***“Pay careful attention to yourselves”***

**Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?**

**He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.**

**Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.**

**1 Timothy 3:2-7**

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***“and (pay attention) to all the flock”***



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***“in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers”***

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***“which he obtained with his own blood”***

**Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.**

**Ephesians 5:25-27**

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# **MEMBERSHIP TESTIMONY**

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