



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

Guard the Truth

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Preparation

Receive the Glory (Not to Us)

Call to Worship

Song

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – #3

Prayers of the People

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament

Exodus 18:15-23

Message

Rev. Keith Fink

Servant Leaders of the Church

1 Timothy 3:1-7

WE CELEBRATE AT GOD'S TABLE

Sacrament of Communion

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

Song

Reformation Hymn

Benediction

Benediction Response

Thank You, Lord

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1 Timothy 3:1-7

I. A Noble Task: Overseer / Elder (vs. 1)

II. Reputation to the Outsiders: Above Reproach (2a & 7a)

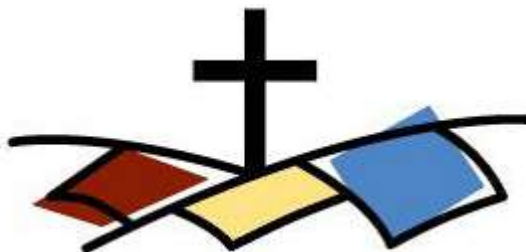
"Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel..." (Philippians 1:27a)

III. Observable Conduct (vs. 2b-7)

- A. Marriage (2b)
- B. Self-Mastery (2c) - sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable
- C. Ministry (2d) - hospitable, able teach
- D. Temperament (3a) - not a drunkard, not violent, not quarrelsome
- E. Money (3b)
- F. Family (4-5)
- G. Maturity (6)

Points to Ponder: Since we know that our great adversary delights to set traps for leaders within the church, go to the [leadership page our website](#), find the list of elders and staff listed there, and pray for each by name. Pray that the Spirit might aid them to live a life worthy of the gospel we proclaim.

Next Week: We will continue our study of 1 Timothy, *Guard the Truth*, by considering the text of **1 Timothy 3:8-13** "Leading Servants of the Church."



A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side
The Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

And tho' this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph thru us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thru Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

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Reformation Hymn

We will trust God's Word alone
Where His perfect will is known
Our traditions shift like sand
While His Truth forever stands
We will live by faith alone
Clothed in merit not our own
All we claim is Jesus Christ
And His finished sacrifice

Glory be glory be to God alone
Through the church He redeemed and made His own
He has freed us He will keep us
Till we're safely home
Glory be glory be to God alone

We are saved by grace alone
Undeserved yet freely shown
No accomplishment on earth
Can achieve the second birth
We will stand on Christ alone
The unyielding Cornerstone
Nations rage and devils roar
Still He reigns forevermore

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