

# Elders of the Lord's Church

1 Timothy 3:1-7

# Order for a purpose

Qualities of an **Elder** – 3:1-7

Qualities for a **Deacon** – 3:8-13

**Purpose** of the Church: 3:14-16

**Problem** of the Church: 4:1-4

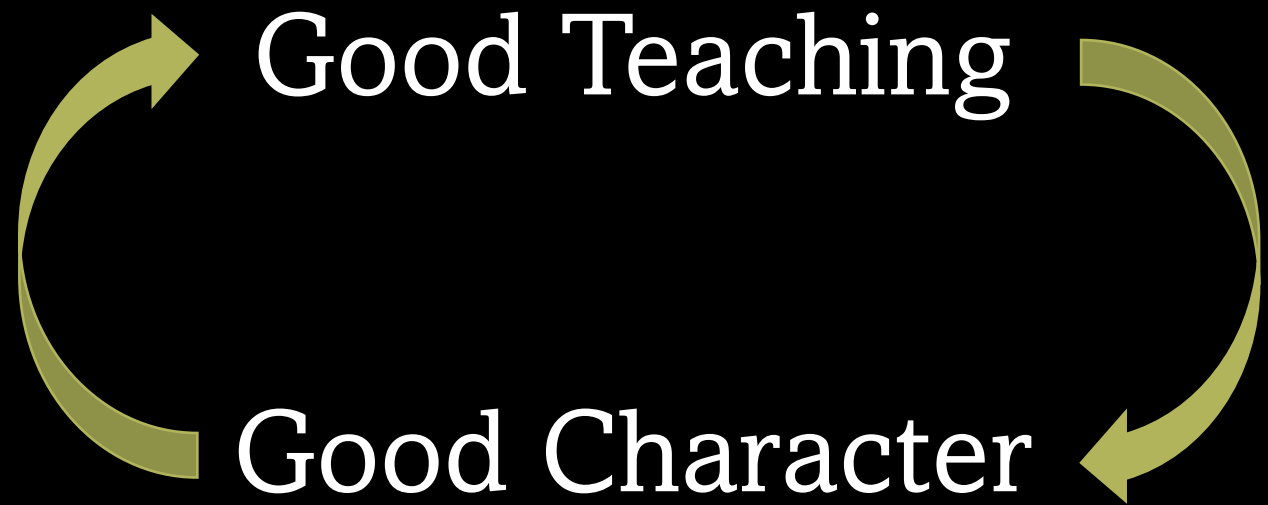
Qualities for **Timothy** – 4:6-16

Qualities of **Widows & Elders** – 5:1-25





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We reproduce who we **are**,  
not just what we say.

# General Characteristics

They are men

They are plural

They are local

They are needed



# Men Known For...

3:1 - An overseer must  
be above reproach,

...

3:7 - He must be thought  
well of by outsiders



# Men Known For...

the husband of one wife,

sober-minded,

self-controlled,

respectable,

hospitable,

able to teach,

<sup>3</sup> not a drunkard,

not violent but gentle,

not quarrelsome,

not a lover of money.

**Four  
positive**

**Two actions**

**Four  
negative**



# Men Known For...

**Devotion to the Word**

**Loving Service**

**Self-Control**

Controls his temper

Controls his money

Control his appetites

Control is pride





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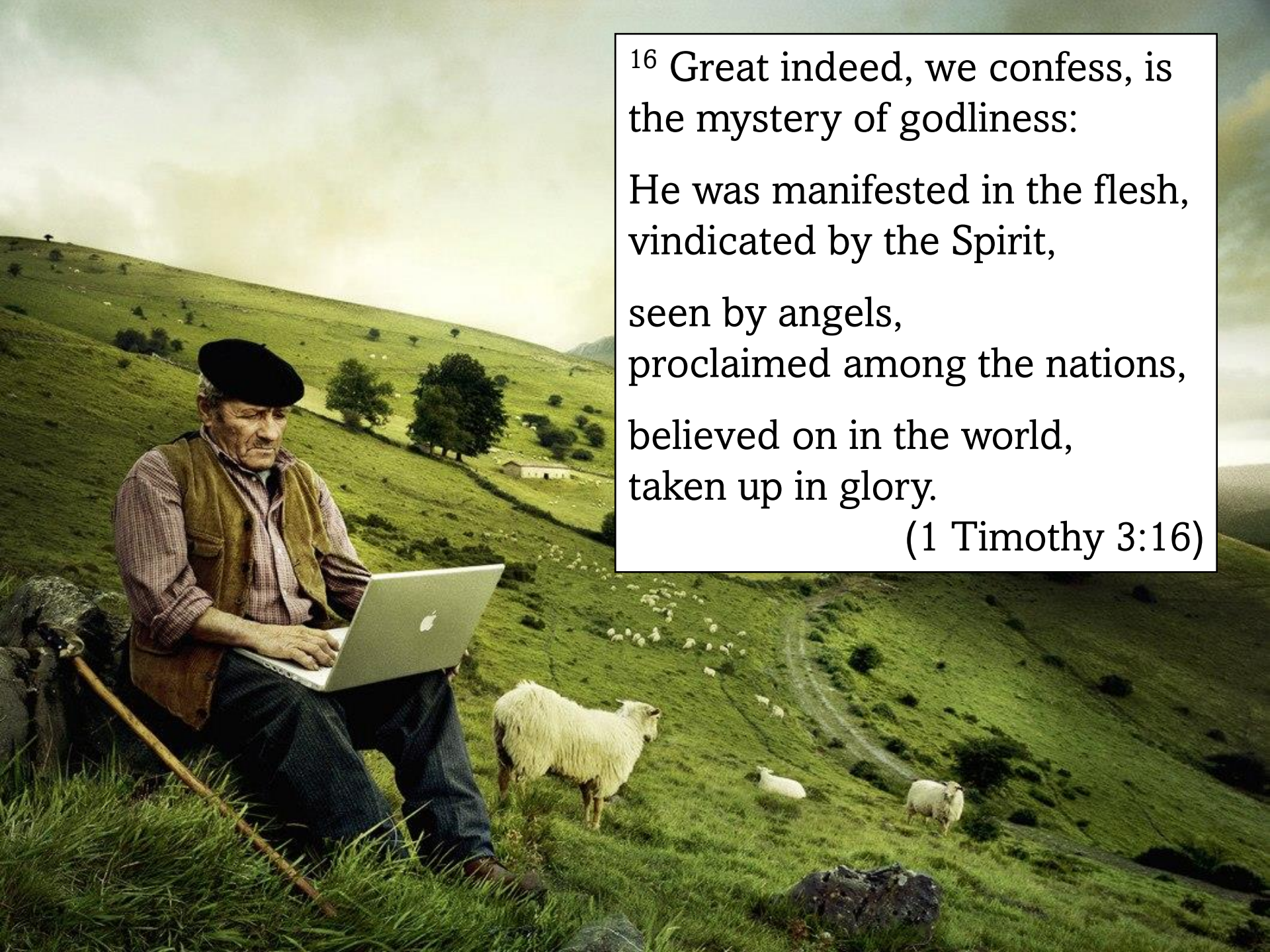
**Loving Service**

**Self-Control**

**Family**

**Spiritual Growth**



A photograph of an elderly man, likely a shepherd, sitting on a grassy hillside. He is wearing a dark beret, a brown vest over a checkered shirt, and blue jeans. He is focused on a silver laptop computer resting on his lap. A wooden staff leans against the ground next to him. In the background, a flock of sheep is grazing on the green hillside under a cloudy sky. A small white building is visible in the distance.

<sup>16</sup> Great indeed, we confess, is  
the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated by the Spirit,

seen by angels,

proclaimed among the nations,

believed on in the world,

taken up in glory.

(1 Timothy 3:16)