



Al Mohler — “The moral credibility of the gospel depends on those who have been transformed by the grace and mercy of God demonstrating that transformation in every dimension of life. Within the church, leadership falls on those whose light shines with integrity and power.”¹

David Dickson — “The office and work being spiritual, it is necessary that elders should be spiritual men. It is not necessary that they be men of great gifts or worldly position, or wealth or high education, but it is indispensably necessary that they be men of God, at peace with him, new creatures in Christ Jesus; engaged in the embassy of reconciliation, they must be themselves reconciled.”²

John Kitchen — “Thus an overseer’s entire life must be under control, ordered under the larger mission of living a life of honor to God and ministry to others.”³

Titus 1:9 — “He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.”

Mark Dever — “The most important and fundamental role of the pastor is to preach the Gospel clearly. The primacy of preaching will never change, no matter what stage of life the church is in. Whether your church is 6 months old or 60 years old, whether the pastor has 5 years or 50 years of experience, whether the church has 5 or 5,000 members, preaching will always be primary because the church is distinguished from the world by living on every word that comes from the mouth of God (Matt. 4:4).”⁴

2 Timothy 2:24 — “And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness”

2 Corinthians 4:5 — “What we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake.”

John Kitchen — “To accept a role of leadership in Christ’s church is to invite the devil’s attack.”⁵

¹ Al Mohler, *The Conviction to Lead*, p. 79.

² David Dickson, *The Elder and His Work*, p. 30.

³ John Kitchen, *The Pastoral Epistles for Pastors*, p. 126.

⁴ Mark Dever and Paul Alexander, *The Deliberate Church*, p. 89.

⁵ John Kitchen, *The Pastoral Epistles for Pastors*, p. 137.