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# HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



## Highway 32 Church of Christ

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### Elders

Lowell Smith

Ron Smith

Marc Curfman

(513) 553-3703

Sunday Bible Class	10:00AM
Sunday Morning Assembly	11:00AM
Sunday Evening Assembly	6:00PM
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00PM

### Privileged to Serve

Announcements:	Frank Glover
Song Leader:	Lowell Smith
Lord's Table	Tom Mayes Steve Wright David Goble Rich Book
Opening Prayer:	Alan Springer
Sermon:	Marc Curfman
Closing Prayer:	Les Smith
PM Song Leader:	Bruce Curfman

### Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	38	41
Morn. Assembly	74	75
Sun Eve.	12	14
Wednesday	13	04
Zoom Class	15	14
Contribution:	\$2419.00	\$3158.00

### Contradictions in Leadership?

There are two verses that if not considered carefully, seem to contradict each other. Paul tells Timothy: ***"It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do."*** <sup>1 Tim. 3:1.</sup> But the Elder James states: ***"Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment."*** <sup>James 3:1.</sup> But both hold truths we should take to heart. Churches always need good godly leadership. But in desperation to have some form of leadership they have often settled for less.

So let me start by saying that in my own personal experience, the leadership of a church is a reflection of the heart of the individual congregation itself. With that understood, you have to ask yourself, what kind of church member are you? Are you one who is loving, who listens, who knows God's truth and practices God's truth both in church and in the world? Then you will promote leaders who do the same. But if I am someone who gossips, who gets together in segregated groups, if I am someone who talks about what should be done but rarely am the one to accomplish what needs to be done, then that is the type of leadership I will be promoting.

I have been a part of churches of loving fellowship, hardworking members and elders that lead by personal example; that is loving elders who walk the walk, who not only speak God's truth but constantly roll up their sleeves to live God's truth. On the other hand, I have known congregations where the leaders do not actually lead by example but by force of ungodly authority, telling others what they should do. But like Jesus says: ***"They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with so much as a finger."*** <sup>Matt. 23:4.</sup> To this day I still remember two so-called evangelist who on a workday at the building, literally stood with arms crossed and watched others mop, sweep, carry, cook and clean. Yes, it was a failed church even before it got started.

To be an overseer, one who embraces the responsibility for the souls of others is a noble challenge and a fine work. Perhaps this describes your heart even without a special title. I hope it does. But for the one who enjoys authority but not obligation or responsibility, then James tells you to watch out! You may be just bringing the wrath of God on your eternal soul.

If you keep reading both 1 Timothy 3 and James 3 you will see the real challenge: the heart. Yes, God's preachers should know the word, but they must live the word. The one who gossips, who will not serve in humility, the one who holds grudges and tries to rally people to his cause rather than God's truth is a wolf. Paul warns us that ***"men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips... rather than lovers of God."***

<sup>2 Tim. 3:2-4.</sup>

Yet often, these are the very men who want to teach and preach and rule over God's people. The best solution to not be entrapped by such poor leadership is to not be that kind of heart as a church. So, James gives a fantastic description of both leaders and followers in God's kingdom: ***"For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."***

<sup>James 3:16-18.</sup>

So as God's people, the church, what kind of hearts are we promoting to lead? I hope it reflects wisdom from above.

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