



# WORK IT OUT

## Developing a Healthy Faith

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## How to Recognize a “Bishop”

Titus 1:5-7a

Introduction: Finding “bishops” who handle their authority well is hard but not impossible if you know what to look for (like “Where’s Waldo”).

Defining Mark of Bishops: \_\_\_\_\_.

▪ What does it *mean* to be “above reproach”?

⇒ To have a sterling \_\_\_\_\_ (externally)...

...born from a strong moral \_\_\_\_\_ (internally).

▪ Why is it *necessary* to be “above reproach”?

⇒ Because a “bishop” is God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

⇒ Because the world is \_\_\_\_\_.

Conclusion: Picking a “bishop” is a big deal – a lot is riding on finding the right man for the job, a man who can be trusted with God’s people and God’s reputation!

Sermon Summary: The defining mark of a man who can be trusted with the authority to serve as a bishop is that he is above reproach, a genuinely good man who has developed a solidly good reputation.