

Small Group Discussion Questions
Sermon Date: December 3, 2023

Sermon: God's Man for the Church, Part 2
Passage: 1 Timothy 3:1-7

Read 1 Timothy 3:1-2

Sermon Outline:

2 Qualifications for a Biblical Church Elder

1. The Calling of the Elder, v. 1
2. The Character of the Elder, vv. 2-7

Review Questions:

1. Explain what it means to be "above reproach".
2. Explain what it means to be "the husband of one wife".
3. Explain what it means to be "temperate".
 - *originally meant to be sober from alcohol*
 - *here, it means: sober or sober-minded, clearheaded, self-controlled*
4. Explain what it means to be "prudent".
5. Explain what it means to be "respectable".
6. Explain what it means to be "hospitable".
7. Explain what it means to be "able to teach".

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you struggle with having unbiblical expectations of elders (or other Christians) due to personal offense, hurt feelings, etc.? How can you look to the Scriptures to define and refine your expectations?
2. What ramifications on a church or society have you seen result from a lax view of sexual morality and marital faithfulness?
3. Are there any issues in your life or norms of society that cloud your mind?
4. What practical steps can you take to develop greater control of your mind and emotions?
5. What dangers have you seen (or can imagine) when an elder seeks to be respected by the culture? How can Christians inadvertently pressure their elders to be respected by the world (rather than respectable)?
6. List some practical ways that you can show hospitality.
7. In what ways do you think all Christians should be able to teach God's Word?
8. What further convictions or questions do you have from this passage and/or sermon?