

Reflection Questions: How am I striving to be *above reproach* in all areas of my life? How much do I pray for my elders? Do I submit to them (*Hebrews 13:17*)? Am I a joy to them? Which of the character traits listed in *Titus 1:5-9* do I struggle with most? What am I doing to improve in this area?

How can we pray for one another this week?

Quotes to Ponder

When he says...must be blameless, he does not mean one who is exempt from every vice, but one who is marked by no disgrace that would lessen his authority. He means, therefore, that he shall be a man of unblemished reputation.

John Calvin

The greater the master is, the greater the servants are expected to be.

David Guzik

An elder must be both a soldier and shepherd. He must nourish, defend, and teach; he must have teeth in his mouth and be able to bite and fight.

Martin Luther

Self-control is only possible for the person who is mastered by the Word of God and led by the Spirit of God.

Daniel L. Akin

Take heed to yourselves, lest your example contradict your doctrine, ...lest you unsay with your lives what you say with your tongues; and be the greatest hinderers of the success of your own labors.

Richard Baxter

It is better ... to live so as thine enemies may be amazed at thy virtues than that thy friends should have cause to excuse thy vices.

John Trapp

The character qualities that Paul speaks of as being required in elders ... is, in fact, what he is shooting for everybody in the congregation. The reason that these are required of the elders is because this is what Paul wants to see the whole congregation looking like.

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Titus 1:5-9

Sermon
Notes

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1. What is an elder?

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

2. What should elders do?

- A.
- B.
- C.

3. How are elders chosen?

4. What are the qualifications for elder?

A. Family

- 1)
- 2)

B. Personal

- 1) 7)
- 2) 8)
- 3) 9)
- 4) 10)
- 5) 11)
- 6)

C. Doctrine

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?
2. Why did Paul leave Titus in Crete (*Titus 1:5*)?
3. What is God's plan for how a church should be governed? What Scriptures back up your answer?
4. Why is an *overseer* described as God's *steward* (*Titus 1:7*)? What does this mean?
5. Compare the two passages below. Which things are included in both lists? Why are some only included in one of the lists?
1 Timothy 3:1-7 *Titus 1:6-9*
6. *Titus 1:6-7* uses the words *above reproach* twice. What does this mean? Why the emphasis on it?
7. Why is a man's family life an important qualification for eldership (*Titus 1:6*)?
8. Should an elder with an unbelieving child (*Titus 1:6*) be removed from leadership? Explain. What does *1 Timothy 3:4* add to your understanding of this?
9. How would you answer someone who uses *Galatians 3:28* to argue that it is biblically justifiable to have women elders?
10. How can you know whether a doctrinal issue is worth contending for?
11. Since unity in the church is important, how can we take a stand for biblical truth and yet preserve the unity (*Ephesians 4:1-6, 13*)?
12. Why is it important that elders be ready to rebuke those who contradict sound doctrine (*Titus 1:9*)?
13. Why is sound doctrine foundational for practical Christian living?