

Qualifications For Elders In The Church, Part 2

1 Timothy 3:1–7 || December 10th–16th

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Christmas Services: December 17 & 24, 9am & 11am (Consider Ways to Give)
- High School Whirlyball & Movie Night: December 16, Everett, 12:30–9pm
- Youth Open Gym: January 5, 6–9pm

3 Ways to Give:

- Angel Tree Ministry: All gifts should be returned.
- Christmas Cheer: Return unwrapped gifts by Dec. 17. We also need supplies like tape, wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, gift bags, tissue paper, and stocking stuffers!
- Missionary Offering: This Christmas season, we can generously contribute towards our missionaries' unique and individual needs. Designate "Christmas Missions" on your monetary donation to bless those in the mission field this joyful season.

ICEBREAKER: What are your plans for Christmas and New Years?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. One of the characteristics of a leader that is also required for all Christians is *“having a good reputation with those outside the church (v7).”* How would people outside of the church describe you? Do you have a good reputation as someone who represents Christ well to the world?

2. Read 2 Tim 1:7, Titus 2:11–14, and 1 Cor 9:25–27. Our section of Scripture covers multiple characteristics that have to do with “self-control.” What are some areas where you need to practice more self-control in your life?
3. Is not having self-control a sin? Why do some Christians not treat it as a sin?
4. There is an emphasis in this passage for an Overseer to be a good manager of his family. For our parents, what are some practical steps you need to take to disciple your family in the “fear and admonition of the Lord”? For those who aren’t parents, what are some ways that you can encourage and support the families that you know?
5. After spending two weeks on this text and seeing the high calling on leaders in the church, what is your general takeaway about the office of Pastor/Elder? Do you see this office, described in verse 1, as a “noble task”?
6. A common phrase in our world right now is “church hurt.” Why do you think this phrase is so common and how is it usually connected to church leaders failing these standards?
7. The devil would love to discredit and ruin our church leaders. What are some ways that we can support and encourage our leaders to “run their race of faith with endurance (Heb 12:1)”?

Men and Women Group Time:

Prayer: Pray for our church leaders to press on and practice these qualities continually in their daily lives.

Personal Practical Application: What was one of the characteristics/qualities from 1 Tim 3:1–7 that stood out to you as something you need to work on and why?