

Small Group Discussion Questions
Sermon Date: December 10, 2023

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

Read 1 Timothy 3:1-5

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. Does being "not addicted to wine" mean only that the elder (or potential elder) is not to get drunk? Explain.
2. What are some of the heart issues that can keep someone from being physically violent ("pugnacious")?
3. In the trial, torture, and crucifixion of Christ, Jesus was an example of gentleness. By not destroying those involved, He exhibited only half of what it means to be gentle. What is the other half?
4. What does it mean to be "peaceable"?
5. Does the call to be "free from the love of money" mean it is wrong for the elder to pursue making money? Explain.
6. What do verses 5 and 6 tell you about the common misconception that pastors must sacrifice time with family to serve the church?

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever known someone who was overly consumed with alcohol without ever getting drunk? Explain.
2. Aside from alcohol, what other time-consuming and/or money-wasting pursuits could distract an elder from his ecclesiastical priorities?
3. Even if you do not engage in physical violence, what sins may you be committing in your heart when you are tempted to violence or fantasize about violence?
4. In what ways can you proactively display gentleness?
5. Do you tend to want to argue and be right or do you have a heart that is peaceable? How can you develop the latter?
6. In what ways do you struggle with the love of money? How can you be more generous with your money?
7. How does the importance of a well-managed household change your perspective of your own parenting (or grand-parenting)? Singles: How does this change what kind of person you want to be or what kind of person you want to marry?
8. What further convictions or questions do you have from this passage and/or sermon?