

# The Call of an Elder (July 26<sup>th</sup>)

## THE COMMUNITY

Memorize 1 Timothy 1:5 – *“The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.”*

1. What is your biggest pet peeve?
2. From your time at corporate worship – the people, music, sermon, serving in a ministry – what encouraged, moved, or excited you? What questions came up for you?

## THE BIBLE (*Websites - biblegateway.com, blueletterbible.org, biblos.com, ccel.org*)

3. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-16 this week. Use the websites above to read it in different versions. What observations do you have? What words or phrases stand out to you?
4. What do these standards in 1 Timothy 3 say about God’s love for His Church? About God’s desire for His Church’s holiness? About the accountability of leadership?



# SERMON NOTES

## 1 Timothy 3:1-7

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup> Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup> not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup> He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup> for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? <sup>6</sup> He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup> Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

(NIV)

### I. Anyone who aspires to be an overseer.

A. \_\_\_\_\_.

B. \_\_\_\_\_.

C. \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. A noble task.

A. \_\_\_\_\_.

B. \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. Qualifications of an Elder.

A. Must be:

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Able to \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Must be:

1. Not addicted to \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Not \_\_\_\_\_ but gentle.

3. Not \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Not a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

C. A \_\_\_\_\_ home.

D. Not a \_\_\_\_\_ believer.

E. \_\_\_\_\_.

### 1 Timothy 5:19-20

Do not admit a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>20</sup> As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear. (ESV)

#### SMALL GROUP PRIMER

Small Groups are a place where, in authentic community, we can honestly discuss how God's word intersects with our daily lives.

- ◆ Read 1 Timothy 3:1-16 each day this week
- ◆ What do these standards in 1 Timothy 3 say about God's love for His Church? About God's desire for His Church's holiness? About the accountability of leadership?
- ◆ Why do you think God has such high standards of leadership for His Church?
- ◆ Next week's passage: ???

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