
Elder - Something To Aspire To (1 Tim 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9)

The church today is sadly in the news for all the wrong reasons. She & her leaders are wrapped up in scandal and misconduct. What should biblical leaders look like? What is the responsibility of the church per scripture? This series will explore that in a time when there is much confusion about the church and her leaders.

Little Trust in the Church & Her Leaders...

1) Remember that _____ Is the Head & Authority of His Church (Eph 5:23; Col 1:18; 1 Tim 3:1)

Church Leadership Models (x3)

Who's in Charge?

2) Elders Must Possess Character _____ & _____ the Church (1 Tim 3:2, 7)

Elder vs. Overseer vs. Bishop...

Must/"It Is Necessary"

Value of a Positive, Biblical Reputation Inside & Outside the Church

3) Develop & Look for These _____ in an Elder (1 Tim 3:1-6)

Christ's Design Is for Elders to Be _____

Cultural Norms Are Not the _____ for Eldership

- a) Husband of One Wife
- b) Temperate
- c) Self-Controlled
- d) Respectable
- e) Hospitable
- f) An Able Teacher
- g) Not a Drunkard
- h) Not Violent
- i) Gentle
- j) Not Contentious
- k) Free from the Love of Money
- l) Manages His Own Household Well
- m) Not a New Convert

4) Scripture Defines the Elders _____ (Various Passages)

TEACH

(see Acts 6:2, 4; 1 Tim 3:2, 5:17; Titus 1:9)

LEAD

(see Acts 20:28; 1 Tim 3:1; Titus 1:5, 7; Heb 13:17)

MODEL

(see 1 Pt 5:3; 1 Cor 11:1)

PRAY

(see Jas 5:14; Acts 6)