

# Get Ready To Worship!

- Mark Song # 530 Looking To Thee. It will be our first song.
- Mark in your Bibles 1 Timothy 3, we'll be reading verses 1-7 for today's sermon.
- Make sure and greet the new people sitting around you.
- Visitors are encouraged to fill out a "Welcome Card" and drop it in the collection plate when it comes around.

# 1 Timothy 3:1-7

- 1 It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do. 2 An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money.

# 1 Timothy 3:1-7

4 He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity 5 (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), 6 and not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. 7 And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

# The Role And Character Of Elders

Titus 1:5-11

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- Introduction:
  - There's a lot of talk about our congressional leaders.
  - Some are pointing out major character flaws that they seem to be violating.

# The Need For Elders. Titus 1:5

For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you,

- A church without elders is lacking. Acts 14:23

23 When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

- The words used to describe these men.

Acts 20:17, 28

# The Need For Elders. Titus 1:5

Acts 20:17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the **elders** of the church.

Acts 20:28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers**, to **shepherd** the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

# The Need For Elders. Titus 1:5

- Presbuteros; Presbyter Elder(age & wisdom)
- Episkopos, Bishop Overseer (not owners)
- Poimen Pastor Shepherd  
(work)

# The Need For Elders. Titus 1:5

- The difference between the preacher and the pastor.
  - “Pastor” or “Shepherd” as used in the Bible is different from today vernacular.
    - They often called Caleb and me a pastor. (preacher)

# The Need For Elders. Titus 1:5

- The Biblical term means an elder.

1 Tim. 3:1-2

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# The Need For Elders. Titus 1:5

- There are qualifications for both but they aren't the same.

- Elders, Pastors etc... have specific qualifications. 1 Tim. 3

**3:2 An overseer, then, **must be****

- Preachers are to just be faithful men. 2Tim.2:2

**2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, **entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.****

- Transition: Can anyone do it.

# Their Character. Titus 1:6-9

- The general characteristic is “above reproach”. Titus 1:6  
**6 namely, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion.**
- Domestic duties.
  - The husband of one wife Titus 1:6
  - Having believing children Titus 1:6

# Their Character. Titus 1:6-9

- Again the general characteristic is above reproach. Titus 1:7

7 For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain,

# Their Character. Titus 1:6-9

- Again the general characteristic is above reproach. Titus 1:7
  - Negative, undesirable characteristics.
    - Not self-willed Titus 1:7
    - Not quick tempered Titus 1:7
    - Not addicted to wine Titus 1:7
    - Not pugnacious Titus 1:7
    - Not fond of sordid gain Titus 1:7

# Their Character. Titus 1:6-9

- Positive, desirable characteristics.
  - 8 but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled
  - But hospitable, Titus 1:8
  - Loving what's good, Titus 1:8
  - Sensible, Titus 1:8
  - Just, Titus 1:8
  - Devout, Titus 1:8
  - Self-controlled, Titus 1:8

# Their Character. Titus 1:6-9

- Positive, desirable characteristics.
  - Holding fast the word of faith. Titus 1:9a  
9 holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching
- Transition: Why does he need such character?

# Their Work.

# Titus 1:9b-11

so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

- They are to exhort Titus 1:9b
- They are to refute Titus 1:9b

# Their Work.

# Titus 1:9b-11

- They are to exhort Titus 1:9b
- They are to refute Titus 1:9b
- Because there are many rebellious men Titus 1:10-11

10 For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, 11 who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not *teach for the sake of sordid gain.*

# A Little Help With The Forms.

- They are designed to help you think about the person that you believe would make a good Elder.
- Remember this isn't a popularity contest so the most important concept is, do they meet God's qualifications.
- If they don't then they wouldn't make a Holy Spirit appointed elder.

# The Role And Character Of Elders

- Conclusion:
  - God's church is incomplete without elders.
  - It should be every person's desire to see the church gets godly elders.
  - This shows us how much God loves us because He only wants certain men with godly characteristics to lead His people.

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- Having heard, Rom. 10:17
- Believe what you've heard, Acts 2:40-41
- Repent of your past life and turn to Jesus,  
Acts 17:30
- Confess that Jesus is God's Son Rom. 10:9
- Be Baptized in Jesus name Acts 2:38
- Enjoy the leadership of Godly men.  
2 Pet. 5:1-5