

1 Timothy 3:2

The Qualifications of Overseers – Part 1

Introductory Comments:

Qualifications:

Above Reproach:

Husband of one wife

Temperate

Sensible

Respectable

Application of 1 Tim 3:2

1. Is it reasonable to understand these qualifications for an overseer as general qualities that are ideal for all Christians? Why/why not?
2. Are these suggested qualifications and Paul's personal opinion for selecting the best candidates for eldership OR a requirement? How does this impact the process of recognizing and affirming those God has chosen to serve as elders in His church?
3. What does it mean to be "above reproach"? Why is this likely to be the overarching characteristic of an overseeing and explained with the following qualifications?
 - a. Why is it important all Christians strive to be "above reproach"?
4. What does "husband of one wife" mean? Why are other views missing Paul's point?
 - a. Ask God to reveal sexual sin in your life, repent, and if needed seek counsel or accountability
 - b. What standard of sexual conduct do you allow in forms of entertainment you participate in and allow your children to watch/hear (including LGBTQ, nudity, boy/girl relationships)?
 - c. Is your marriage a reflection of the Gospel (i.e. the relationship between Christ and His Church)? Do you love your spouse? Do you regularly give yourself in intimacy?
5. The words "temperate," "sensible," and "respectable" refer to not being controlled by passions, emotions, or temporary satisfaction, but clear thinking, self-restrained, level-headed and thus deserving and receiving respect and admiration.
 - a. What's one desire or excessiveness in your life you recognize needs growth in self-control e.g. food, entertainment,
 - b. What's one area of your thought-life you recognize needs growth e.g. decision making, controlling ungodly thoughts?

Reading this week: Read 1 Tim 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9.

Read Matt 18:21-35 ahead of Vance's sermon next week.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Q _____ of an O _____</i></p> <p>Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A _____ R _____ - H _____ of O _____ W _____ - T _____ - S _____ - R _____ 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<u>Chapter</u>		
<u>Verses</u>		

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Church	Elder(ship)	Must	Paul	Qualifications/ Characteristics

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: