

1 Timothy 3:6-7

The Qualifications of Overseers – Part 4

Not a New Convert

What

Why

Having a Good Reputation

What

Why

Application of 1 Tim 3:6-7

- 1) How long have you been a Christian and how have you grown as a Christian? How would you describe your spiritual maturity level?
- 2) What are you doing to actively grow in spiritual maturity (e.g. fighting sin, Bible reading, prayer, Scripture memorization, serving in the church, accountability)? Is God leading you to invest into your spiritual maturity in a way you're not currently?
- 3) Why would a newer believer be more vulnerable to the danger of pride than an older believer?
- 4) What does having a good reputation with unbelievers mean?
 - a) Does it mean they have to like and agree with you?
 - b) Why is it important to have a good reputation among unbelievers?
- 5) What is your reputation among unbelievers like?
 - a) How do your fellow workers view you?
 - b) What would your neighbours/unbelieving friends and family say about you?
 - c) What area in your life might you need to grow in, so that your reputation (and therefore witness) improves?
- 6) In what way does a leader having a poor reputation with unbelievers affect the Gospel and the church?
- 7) Look up and reflect upon other passages (e.g. 1 Pet 5:8-9; James 4:7; Eph 6:10-20; 1 Tim 1:18-20; 5:14-15; 2 Tim 2:24-26) that speak of the work of the devil as a reminder of the spiritual battle we are in and the reality of Satan's ongoing attack. This should not create fear (for we are overcomers by the blood of Christ), but awareness.
- 8) Pray for the leadership and future elders of our church, asking God to raise up qualified men and protect the men current in leadership.

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

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
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<u>Chapter</u>		
<u>Verses</u>		

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Church	Elder/Leadership/ Overseer	Paul	Reputation	Us

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: