

Small Group Discussion Questions
Sermon Date: December 17, 2023

Sermon: God's Man for the Church, Part 4
Passage: 1 Timothy 3:1-7

Read 1 Timothy 3:6-7

Sermon Outline:

2 Qualifications for a Biblical Church Elder

1. The Calling of the Elder, v. 1
2. The Character of the Elder, vv. 2-7

Review Questions:

1. Does someone who is a Christian for many years automatically become a mature believer? Explain.
2. Read 1 John 2:12-14. What are the differences between these 3 groups?
3. Explain why one's reputation (testimony) is not something an elder should work on?
4. What must an elder do to avoid the snares of the devil?

Discussion Questions:

1. Look at 1 John 2:12-14 again. Which of these 3 categories of spiritual maturity do you fall into? Do you desire to become a spiritual father?
2. Have you ever felt that someone who has social maturity or worldly success should be an elder for those reasons? How can we focus more on God's standard for elders?
3. How would you gauge your reputation with the unbelievers that you know? How can you avoid the temptation to seek and live out worldly wisdom in order to impress non-Christians?
4. What snares do you see the devil putting out for you? How can you avoid them?
5. What further convictions or questions do you have from this passage and/or sermon?