

The Qualifications for Elders
Titus 1:5-9
June 13, 2021

I. Above Reproach (V. 5-8)

- A. An elder must be above reproach in leading his _____.
- B. An elder must be above reproach in personal _____.
 - 1. An elder is held to the same moral standard as the rest of the _____ (Titus 2:1-6).

II. PAUSE – Why this is not a road to legalism:

- A. An elder is saved by _____ through faith just like everyone else (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- B. The grace of God does not just _____ us from unrighteousness, it _____ us for righteousness (Titus 2:11-14).
- C. _____ do not cause God's grace, but God's grace does cause _____ (Isaiah 30:18-22).

III. Holds Firm to the Word (V. 9)

- A. An elder holds firm to the word of God well enough to _____ people to obey it.
- B. An elder holds firm to the word of God well enough to _____ people who contradict it.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read Titus 1:5-9.
2. What does it look like for an elder/pastor to be above reproach in leading his family? Why do you think doing so is required in scripture?
3. What does it look like for an elder/pastor to be above reproach in personal holiness? Why do you think being so is required in scripture?
4. Is requiring elders/pastors to hold to a behavioral standard legalistic? In other words, is this passage claiming we are saved by grace but lead through works? Why or why not? Consider reading later in the book in Titus 2:11-14 for further instruction.
5. What would be the effect on a church if its elders/pastors did not instruct people in obeying the word of God? How have you seen this done well? How have you seen this done poorly?
6. What would be the effect on a church if its elders/pastors did not rebuke people who contradicted the word of God in addition to instructing them in the first place? How have you seen this done well? How have you seen this done poorly?
7. Pray for our church, that God would continue to bless us with qualified pastoral leadership. Consider attending today's special Zoom Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: Galatians 3-4

June Memory Verses: Galatians 1:6-9

2 Timothy 2:22

*So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace,
along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.*

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. If you were registered before, you will need to sign up again. The new registration will last through 9/5/21. Register with your name and email address. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

DURING Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

PRAYING for the children who made decisions for Christ at VBS.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- Those with anxiety, employment, or health issues because of COVID
- PRAY for missions and missionaries
 - Dr. Doug and Cheryl D. as they are back on the mission field
 - Jules S. as she awaits final visa papers to head to the mission field
- Vacation Bible School: for the Bible lessons and Bible applications, the songs and all that was taught and learned to be remembered.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
 - Zelma W. (father), Family of Ella Rae T., Don R. (wife, Brenda), Yvonne B. (husband, Pastor Jamal), Tom M. (mom)
- Those struggling with on-going health and emotional issues:
 - Mary R. (possible dialysis on-going hope for a kidney transplant), Harry and Pam D. (Harry's health and Pam's ongoing care-giving needs), Debbie B. (breast cancer has spread to her bones, pray for successful treatment), Camille K. (pain associated with cancer treatment), Dick T. (heart problems), Phil K. (recently hospitalized due to build-up of fluid in lungs), Gary C. (recent pneumonia), James M. (recent hospitalization possible heart related issues)
- Those awaiting surgery:
 - Ruthie C. (stomach repair), Ann W. (gallbladder removal)
- Those recovering from surgery:
 - Greg C. (stent in his heart), Debbie P. (surgery and on-going rehab due to fractured hip)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
 - Ketty B. (friend), Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
 - Larry S., Reginald G.
- Others that you are aware of