

Entrusted

A Study of 1st & 2nd Timothy

WEEK FOUR

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7

DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7. In verse one, what is this office or position called?
3. Bishop, elder, and overseer can be used interchangeably, depending on your version of the Bible. In modern day, we often use the word "elder" when discussing this role. What is the first thing an elder must be in verse two?
4. Read Daniel 6:1-3. How do these verses describe Daniel?
5. For what reason do the commissioners and satraps desire to find grounds to accuse Daniel in Daniel 6:4? What is the result of their search?
6. How does the story of Daniel deepen your understanding of what it means for an elder to live "above reproach"?
7. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper, and post it somewhere you will see it often (e.g., bathroom mirror, car, desk, kitchen sink, etc.).

Scripture Memory:

"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you."

~ Hebrews 13:17

I'm praying about:

DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7. In verse two, what character qualities are listed that an overseer/elder must possess?
2. In Nehemiah 8:8, what did the leaders do, and how does this illustrate the teaching role of an elder?
3. What is the goal of teaching in Colossians 1:28 and 2 Timothy 2:2?
4. According to Titus 1:9, what else is an elder called to do with God's Word?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7. What requirements for an elder are listed in verse three?
 2. What impact does a man who is not gentle, peaceable, or temperate have, according to Proverbs 20:3, 26:21, and 29:11 & 22?
 3. What danger does the love of money pose in 1 Timothy 6:10, and why ought an elder to be free of it?
 4. In 1 Timothy 3:4-5, what must an elder do, and why is this important?
 5. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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DAY 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer. In 1 Timothy 3:1-7, why does verse six say an elder should not be a new convert?
2. How does God feel about pride in Proverbs 16:5?
3. What does Romans 12:3 say we ought not do, and why is arrogance so damaging in a leadership role?
4. What does 1 Timothy 3:7 say the elder must possess, and why? How would having this quality impact the effectiveness of the gospel and an elder's credibility in communicating it?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9, and list all of the biblical qualifications for an elder:
 3. Why do you think this is such a long list, and how would the church be impacted by being led by men who did not fulfill these requirements?
 4. How does Hebrews 13:17 describe the role of spiritual leaders? What is our responsibility to them, and why?
 5. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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