

Message Based Discussion Questions

- Gentle –
- Not quarrelsome –
- Not covetous – Lit. “not a lover of silver”
- Children in submission with all reverence –
- Not a novice – Lit. “neophyte”

3) **Disciple men who are proven outside the church 3:7**

- Good testimony good of intrinsic value –
- Reproach & snare of the devil (2 Tim. 2:24-26)

Invest time discipling quality men For oversight in the church!

- No man starts out with perfect character. Every man has to grow in sanctification – to holiness.
- These are qualities that must be gained through patience, perseverance and self-control. Compromise on these qualities and the whole church suffers. Those who don't have these qualities will cause great harm to the church and name of Christ.
- It's all about Jesus and trusting Him to lead the men. You look for opportunities to lead, influence and pray for men. Women too! Jesus!

1) What is your first recollection of spiritual leaders in the church?

Digging deeper:

2) Do all spiritual leaders in church serve for the sake of Christ? _____ (cf. 3 Jn. 1:9-11). How do you discern whether someone wants the position of elder for his own purposes or for kingdom purposes?

3) What three qualifications do you see as most important in the list given for elders? _____; _____; _____ What makes those very important for serving as a church leader? Which others would you consider very important?

4) Does it matter what a man's marriage is like in order to serve as a church leader? _____ Why would it matter? Or not?