

# GOD'S UNDERSHEPHERDS, PART 2

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*Week of Jan. 14, 2024*

## Overseer Qualifications:

His \_\_\_\_\_ (3:2a)

His \_\_\_\_\_ (3:2b)

His \_\_\_\_\_ (3:3)

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Who must find a person "above reproach" (vs 2) in order for a man to meet that qualification? A majority of the congregation? Every person in the church? The current elders?
3. Of the qualifications studied in verses two and three, which do you think the Church today is too lenient about? Which might it be too hard on? What about in your own thinking?
4. What principles can we use to determine whether someone is 'good enough' in these qualifications to be called to the office of elder?
5. What should a believer do if they are convicted that one of their elders does not meet the qualifications laid out in Scripture?
6. To what degree are the qualifications objective (true for all people at all times) or subjective (different standards applicable for different people in different times and contexts)? For example, could a man who enjoys beer be above reproach in the Pacific Northwest but not in the Bible Belt?
7. How do you measure up to this list of qualifications? What can you do to grow in any of these areas?
8. What questions do you have about the interpretation or application of any of the qualifications in these verses? Share your question with your group for discussion.