

# GOD'S UNDERSHEPHERDS, PART 3

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Week of Jan. 21, 2024

## Overseer Qualifications:

His \_\_\_\_\_ (4-5)

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. What are some signs that an elder is not managing his household well (vs 4), such that he would be disqualified for the office of elder?

3. Paul, in Titus 1:6, says that an elder must have children who believe. Here in 1 Timothy the qualification is stated as "keeping his children under control with all dignity" (vs 4). By examining these verses, can a man be qualified for the role of elder if he has an unbelieving child?

His \_\_\_\_\_ (6)

4. Paul reasons that a man who manages his household well (vs 5) will be equipped to oversee a church. Does this mean that an elder who is a father is better suited for eldership than a man who is single or has no children? Why or why not?

5. What standards or principles could determine when a man is no longer a "new convert" (vs 6)?

His \_\_\_\_\_ (7)

6. What sort of reputation do you think church leaders in general have in our community? What about the culture at large? How can that reputation be improved?

7. If it were up to you, what qualification for being an elder would you add to the list Paul gives here?

8. From observation or experience, give an example of what harm can come from an elder who does not meet and live out the biblical qualifications for their role.

9. How can the church encourage and support their elders? How can they hold them accountable to the qualifications set for them?

*This week, spend some time in prayer specifically for the elders of VBC.*