

Leading The Church Forward

Study Questions for Week Three

Who Are Elders?

1Tim 3:1-7; 1 Pet 5:1-4; Titus 1:5-9

1. Other than the fact that the Bible describes churches as having a plurality of elders, what are some reasons why having more than one elder or pastor is helpful for a church?

2. 1 Timothy 3: 4 & 5 states this about overseers: “He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church?” Does this mean that a Pastor with a rebellious, wayward child should not lead a congregation?

3. Would the overseer requirement in 1 Timothy 3:2 “husband of one wife” disqualify:
 - a. Divorced men?
 - b. Men with only one child (“children” is plural.)?
 - c. Single men?
 - d. Widowed men who remarried?
 - e. Polygamous men?
 - f. Women?

4. 1 Timothy 3:3 says that pastors should not be “quarrelsome”. Was the Apostle Paul being quarrelsome when he confronted Peter about capitulating to the Judaizers?

5. Describe some of the good characteristics of pastors you have had. How are good elders/pastors a blessing to a church?