

Linchpin Men

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Pastor/Elder qualifications:

1 Timothy 3:1 The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. 2 Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 4 He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive. 5 for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? 6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Titus 1:5 This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— 6 if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. 7 For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, 8 but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. 9 He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

1 Peter 5:1 So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. 5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

1. The worldly man is succeeding at _____ and _____.
2. The godly man is succeeding at _____ and _____ and _____.

Nehemiah 4:9 And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.

Galatians 6:10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

3. What would greater church _____ look like for you?

Proverbs 14:23 In all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty.

Verses on Hard Work: Lamentations 3:27, 1 Timothy 5:8, 2 Thessalonians 3:10, Colossians 3:23, Proverbs 13:4, Proverbs 12:24

4. In what area, do you sense God asking you to _____?

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

Verses on Family: Luke 17:33, 1 Peter 3:7, Ephesians 6:4, Colossians 3:21, 1 Timothy 3:4, Titus 1:6

5. On a scale from 1 to 10, how _____ is our marriage?
And what is one thing I could do to _____ it?

Ecclesiastes 7:18 It is good that you should take hold of this, and from that withhold not your hand, for the one who fears God shall come out from both of them.