

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 work and hobbies.
- 2. The godly man is succeeding at work and church and family.

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 faithfulness 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 work harder?

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 healthy is our marriage?
And what is one thing I could do to improve 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.