

House Rules

2.10.13

1 Timothy 3:1-7

Elders: Who are they?

Reminders

- Gospel Romance Conference
- Praying for a Home
 - Spend time praying in your Community Group
 - Encourage your group to log onto the City and commit to pray and fast one day between now and easter.

Remember

What stood out to you from the sermon?

Are you more likely to denigrate pastors or elevate them? Why?

Deepen

Brian pointed out that each part of the list of qualifications was required of every Christian. Why is that important as we study the passage?

Why is it important that we understand that the gospel both cleanses us from sin and creates a lifestyle that honors Jesus? How does Ephesians 2:8-10 reinforce this point?

Read over the list of qualifications for elders in 1 Timothy 3:1-7. Of these, is there any area that God convicted you about?

While we might find it easy to not be drunk on alcohol, we might have a tendency to care too much about other things like approval or control. Or we might spend too much time online. Is there any area of addiction or something you are too captivated by?

Transform

Spend some time talking about the management of your home/life. Elders are to do this well. All of us are to do this. There are parts of this unique to married people with children. For those who are in a different stage of life, move past those parts and engage those components that apply to you now.

Talk through the following...

Knowing your family - How well do you know your spouse? What are ways in which you pursue knowing one another? How do you pursue knowing your kids?

Feeding your family - What are some necessary steps toward feeding your family spiritually?

Leading

Vision

- Do you have a vision for where your home/life is headed?
- What are some ways you need to consider how to work out that vision?
- How might you find space to think about these things?

Stewardship

- Money/Possessions – Do you have a budget? Are you planning expenses? Are you spending wisely?

- Time/Calendar - Are you budgeting your time well? Do you have a calendar? Are you meeting regularly with your spouse to discuss?
- Emotional Energy – Do you have a pulse on the emotional energy you are expending? Being expended by your family? What are the red lines you look for to anticipate burnout?
- Spouse/Children – Do you know what’s going on with them? Is their tank on empty?

Close your time praying for our Elders by name - Greg Milroy, Nathan Chapman, Kris Laney, Brian Lowe. Pray also for David Keen as he seeks to plant Exodus Northlake.