

Build

building the disciplines of faithful leaders

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Name: _____

Build homework

DUE: February 24

Before you begin your homework, take some time to pray and direct your heart and mind towards God and His Word. Ask God for help in submitting your life and thoughts to His word that you might draw near to Him in this time. Ask Him to increase your desire to know, love and obey Him.

LOOKING BACK...

Look back at your outline and notes from February 10 (D4 - Elder Qualifications). Remind yourself of the character standard for church leadership.

1. How has your understanding of the elder role changed as a result of this lesson?
2. What can you conclude from the fact that the word for this office describes to a man who is older than most others? How does this affect the way you think about your own sanctification?
3. Why do you think the list of qualifications is so long? What does that tell you about the kind of man who is suitable for the role?

4. Pick your favorite New Testament list of godly characteristics (Gal 5:22-23, Col 3:12-17, James 3:17-18, etc). Notice how much overlap the elder qualifications have with these passages. What does this tell you about the path to elder qualification?

5. How often do you evaluate yourself in light of the elder qualifications? Pick two of the qualifications and examine how you are pleasing to the Lord in those areas of your life.

6. How do the elder qualifications speak into the role God has given you in relationships with other men at our church?

7. How often do you pray for your elders? If you aren't already in the habit of doing so, consider how you can begin consistently praying for them on an individual basis.

LOOKING AHEAD...

In preparation for the next lesson, (D3:The Ministry) Soul Care in the Church): An elder/pastor/overseer is not to be "pugnacious" (1 Tim. 3:3), i.e. a man ready to throw a blow at another. Read James 1:1-2. What questions flowing out of this passage could you ask a brother who has confessed his own anger, in order to help him identify potential motivations in his own heart that are resulting in his angry outbursts?