

Study Guide to Alexander Strauch's *Biblical Eldership*

Chapter 9: Paul's Instruction to Timothy

Discuss: Define the following biblical requirements for an elder (1 Timothy 3:1-7). Explain the practical application of each.

- ABOVE REPROACH
- THE HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE
- TEMPERATE
- PRUDENT
- RESPECTABLE
- HOSPITABLE
- ABLE TO TEACH
- NOT ADDICTED TO WINE
- NOT PUGNACIOUS
- GENTLE
- UNCONTENTIOUS
- FREE FROM THE LOVE OF MONEY
- A MAN WHO MANAGES HIS HOUSEHOLD WELL
- NOT A NEW CONVERT
- A MAN WITH A GOOD REPUTATION AMONG NONBELIEVERS

Q: Do you meet these qualifications? Are there specific areas that need to be addressed and improved upon before you should consider entering the office of elder?

A: _____

Q: Strauch has a section on the examination of potential elders. How do you see this working out in the local church?

A: _____

