



Appointing New Elders
Titus 1:5-9, 1 Timothy 3:1-7
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1. What is your biggest personal challenge now that we are three weeks into the new year? Explain.
2. Read Titus 1:5-9 and 1 Timothy 3:1-7. What stands out to you from the teaching and/or passages? Explain.
3. In 1 Timothy 3:1, Paul calls aspiring to be an overseer (elder) a “noble task,” yet it comes with very high personal standards. For the men in the group: what is your reaction to this statement? How do these biblical qualifications encourage or challenge you to grow personally?
4. According to 1 Timothy 3:4–5, 12 and Titus 1:6, Elders must manage their own families well, with faithful children who are not wild or disobedient, and in a way worthy of respect. How do you feel about someone being evaluated this way? If you were to evaluate your own leadership/example in your household as a spouse, parent, or family member, what practical steps could help you improve here?
5. In 1 Timothy 3:2–3 and Titus 1:7–8, the passages emphasize being self-controlled, gentle, not quick-tempered, not violent, not quarrelsome, and not overbearing. In your everyday relationships (home, work, church, or online), where do you most often succeed or struggle with these traits?
6. As you look at the rest of the qualities for elders in the two sections of scripture, what are the benefits when we are led by men like those described?
7. Read Hebrews 13:17 and 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13. What attitudes do we, the family members of a church, owe to our elders? How can we excel in this area?
8. How can we pray for our new elders, and each other this coming week?

Reminders:

- Women’s Wednesday begins January 28 and runs through March 25. Both the AM and PM session will be studying *Living Whole: A Study Through the Life of Joseph* by Julie Gariss. You can register and purchase the book through the link here, or on the church website. Childcare will be available.
<https://harpethcc.elvanto.net/form/381ecc49-3d5b-4cf4-8e94-967014afeeba>
- Men’s Winter Study: A Study in the Book of Ephesians: Living Out Our Identity in Christ: The Christians’ Spirit-Filled Walk in Grace. Join us Wednesdays from 9:30am-11am in the Student Center. January 28-March 25.
- Check Us Out: A two-part class where you will hear more about what we believe and care about here at Harpeth, as well as a pathway to membership. Classes take place during the 9:00am service, so feel free to check your kids into DiscipleSHIP Kids and head on over. Coffee and bagels provided! Register using the link: <https://harpethcc.elvanto.net/form/c5cbfb93-b8e2-44c2-ab79-2f50a456871c>

Part 1 - Sunday, February 8th at 9:00am // Part 2 - Sunday, February 15th at 9:00am