



Gospel Life Communities Study Guide

1 Timothy 3:1-7

Good Men Required

Welcome to the Fall 2023 GLC Season! I hope the Lord is blessing, challenging, and encouraging you through this sermon series thus far.

Our weekly studies will have four parts, following the four categories that we've set for GLC's,

and then end with prayer.

Exploring

we will explore God's word together, looking at the actual words of the passage each week.

Digging

we will dig deeper into the word, discussing the context and meaning of the passage.

Growing

we will discuss how the passage is applied to our own lives.

Going

we will discuss how the passage informs, challenges, and encourages our gospel witness.



Exploring

- Have someone pray before you start. Ask the Lord to open your hearts to God's Word.

1 Timothy 3:1–7:

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.

Digging

- Read the passage together. Are there any parts that stick out or are difficult for you? Talk about it.
- Have someone read Titus 1:5-9. Compare the differences and similarities between these two passages.

Growing

- Pastor Paul mentioned some statistics about the declining desire to be a pastor and how many pastors are discontent with their situations and are even leaving the ministry. Why do you think that is?
- In his sermon, Paul said that elders need to live a life of repentance and faith. Would this be true of you? Why or why not?
- Being an elder is a high calling and a weighty responsibility. How can we pray for and actively support our pastors and elders?



Going

- In his sermon, Paul mentioned that only 42% of congregants believe the mission of the church is to bring the Gospel to the lost. Why do you think that is? How can we be more focused on bringing the Gospel to the lost?

- Verse 7 of our text says an elder must be well thought of by outsiders, and yet the world often labels Christians as hypocrites based on how they act.
 - What are some ways you fall or have fallen into hypocrisy?
 - How does that harm our Gospel witness?
 - And what does redemption look like in this case?

Pray “Kingdom Prayers”

Kingdom prayers are prayers that don't only focus on the immediate need, but also on God's glory. For example, if someone has a sore knee instead of just praying “God, please heal Betty's knee”, you would pray something like “God, please heal Betty's knee so that she can continue to serve you and your people; so that she can continue attend worship services pain free and give you glory for your healing hand.” See the difference?

Some ideas of what to pray for:

- Each other's needs/requests
- King Road's ministries, missionaries, members, and pastors
- Opportunities to share the gospel

