

Sermon Questions
1 Timothy 3:1-7

It is essential to understand that God created both men and women with equal value but has distinct roles for each gender within His kingdom. This week we discussed God's design for men in the local church. God has designed the heart of a man to be a protector and a provider and to live with courage and integrity. As the Holy Spirit lays out the requirements for an overseer, it is imperative that every man understand that these are the character qualities He wants all men to have. Even if a man does not serve in the role of an overseer, he certainly will want to hold to these standards in his own life and ministry. May the Holy Spirit of God use His Word to conform the men at BRAVE Church into His image.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

The Men Who Lead Christ's Church
1 Timothy 3:1-7

Intensity for ministry (1)

Greek Word	Translation	Significance
ἐπισκοπή	Overseer/Bishop	His Position
ποιμήν	Pastor/Shepherd	His Duties
πρεσβύτερος	Elder	His Maturity

Immunity from vices (2-3)

Priority of family (4-5)

Maturity in development (6)

Civility towards outsiders (7)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. Have you noticed that men have an internal design to lead and leave a legacy? What does it mean that men were not created to be safe but to provide safety? What difference does it make in a culture when men step up to their God-given roles?

2. Consider the story about the school in Louisiana where men stepped up to be Dad's on Duty. What difference did those men make? Why? Why did your heart resonate with the story? What were the inherent values in the story that helped you see what is needed in our culture today?
3. What is an overseer? What is a pastor? What is an elder? How are these words used interchangeably in the New Testament? (see 1 Peter 5:1-5, Acts 20:17,28) What is the significance to each of the three terms?
4. What does it mean to aspire and to desire the office of an overseer? Why should men in these roles be yearning for them? What might be the problem with someone in this role who is not passionate about pursuing it for Christ but simply fulfilling a duty? How important is the leadership in Christ's church? Why must the church have some of the greatest leaders in the world?
5. Why should an overseer be an example to the flock? What does it mean that an overseer should be doing the requirements increasingly NOT perfectly?
6. Why should the overseer be able to say, "Follow me as I follow Christ" in his role? Why should a man in the role of overseer be above reproach? How can a man remain blameless since he will never be perfect? (see Proverbs 28:13)
7. What does it mean to be a one-woman man? How important should marriage and family be for an overseer? How should it be modeled? How should an overseer preference his wife? If one requirement of an overseer is to be a one-woman man then how many women should ever serve in the role of overseer?
8. What does it mean to be temperate? Prudent? Respectable? Hospitable? Why are all of these qualities important and not just some of them?
9. What does it mean to be able to teach? How well should this man know doctrine? How should he be able to exhort believers? How should he be able to refute doctrine?
10. Why should an overseer not be addicted to wine? How should he view and/or use alcohol? Why should he not be pugnacious (fighter)? What problems might it cause if an overseer was known as a fighter or a drinker?
11. What does it mean that an overseer is gentle? Peaceable? Why are these two qualities important?
12. What does it mean to be free from the love of money? How does generosity help curb greediness?
13. What does it mean that family is a priority to an overseer? Why is this so essential? What difference does this make? Why does God care so much about the overseer's

family? Why would an overseer be disqualified to lead in the church if his family was not in tact?

14. Why must the elder be spiritually mature? Why not a recent convert? What is the challenge of a young believer in this role? Why would pride be detrimental to this role? Why would you not want an overseer who is being opposed by God?
15. Why is an overseer's standing in the community outside the church important? What difference would it make if the outside world considered the overseer a jerk or hypocrite?
16. Why should all men aspire to all of these qualifications? What might happen in a church where there is an abundance of these men?
17. What was the most significant point of this message for YOU? What is your greatest take-a-way this week? What will you apply today?