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building the disciplines of faithful leaders

April 7, 2018

Name: _____

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DUE: April 21, 2018

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 and love and obey Him.

LOOKING BACK...

Look back at your outline and notes from April 7 (D4 - Elder Qualifications). Remind yourself how a man's suitability for eldering is assessed. Spend a few moments pondering the wisdom of God that, as He began saving sinners into the church, he provided clear requirements as to the kind of men who should lead that church.

LOOKING DAY BY DAY...

Take a few minutes to reflect on where you allowed your mind to go in the last two weeks. Think about the concept of self-control with regard to your thoughts. What effect does a regular devotional time with the Lord have on your inclination to put a perimeter around your thought life?

LOOKING AHEAD...

Spend a few minutes thinking through specific areas of your relationship with the Lord that have seen encouraging growth in the last several months. Jot down some of these in the space below. Spend some time thanking the Lord for His kindness to mature you in that way. Then spend some time thinking about areas in which you would like to grow in the coming months. Jot some of those down as well.

Q1: Has your understanding of the elder role changed as a result of this lesson? If so, how?

Q2: Are there some areas of elder qualifications in which you have seen yourself grow in the last year or so? Take a minute to thank God for this!

Q3: Are there areas of elder qualifications in which you feel as though you have quite a bit of room for growth? Consider making a plan for praying over this qualification in your life and memorizing Scripture relating to that qualification.

Q4: Pick one of the elder qualifications and share why that qualification is in place for men who are being considered for elder service.

Q5: Did you notice that, after the overarching qualification of being above reproach, the 1 Timothy 3 passage lists 14 different qualifications? One way to grow in ALL of these qualification areas is to pray and meditate on a different qualification each day for 2 weeks!

Q6: Every elder is fully capable of disqualifying himself from elder service in his local church. If you are not already in the habit of doing so, please consider praying regularly for your elders in this area. They truly need it!