



### 3. The necessary witness to the world (1 Timothy 3:7)

## Table Talk

- 1) Why is the issue of authority an important one as we think about elders in the church of Jesus Christ?
- 2) What aims do you have for your life spiritually? What do you want to accomplish in 1, 5, 10 years for Christ and His kingdom? (v. 1)
- 3) What are the important virtues that emerge in looking at the seven positive characteristics of a qualified elder? (see v. 2)
- 4) What important virtues emerge in looking at the four negative characteristics of a qualified elder? (see v. 4)
- 5) Why is it important that verses 4-5 do not mean that an elder must have believing children? (vv. 4-5)
- 6) Why is experience as a believer important to eldership? Why is reputation among the unbelieving community important to eldership? (vv. 6-7)