

Qualifications of an Elder

BLAMELESS

Attendee Guide

Pastor Ulysse described being blameless as “No one being able to lay a charge against you and have it stick.” The word blameless used in 1 Timothy 3 literally means “that cannot be laid hold of”.

- 1) In your own words, describe what it means to be a blameless elder.

Pastor Ulysse referenced Daniel as an example of being blameless.
Read Daniel 6:4-5.

- 1) Describe how Daniel was blameless and the effect that had on those bringing accusations against him.

- 2) What might being blameless look like in your culture today in 2013?

We learned that elders are to be examples to the flock.

1 Peter 5:2-3

*Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight [thereof], not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;
Neither as being lords over [God's] heritage, but being ensamples to the flock*

- 1) Describe how being blameless relates to being an example to the church.
- 2) Describe the difference between “being an example” to the flock and “lording over” the flock as stated in 1 Peter 5:3
- 3) Have you ever had good examples in ministry that you found yourself imitating? Explain.
- 4) Have you ever had bad examples in ministry that you ended up imitating? Explain.

It was mentioned that an elder (or any Christian for that matter) should not be entangled with the affairs of this life. (2 Tim 2:4)

- 1) What does being entangled with the things of this life look like to you?
- 2) Why would it be especially important for an elder not to be entangled with the things of the world?

Read Ecclesiastes 10:1

- 1) Using an example outside the church, have you ever seen an instance where a little folly ruined someone's reputation?

Pastor Ulysse said that being blameless does not mean being sinless.

- 1) What is the difference between being blameless and being sinless?

Additional Notes: