

## **Godly Elders Needed**

(1 Timothy 3:1-7; S. Terry at CFC; Sunday AM, 3/12/17)

**Theme:** The reality of false teachers and our temptation to believe the lies of the devil prove our need for godly men to lead, teach and model the gospel for us. Elders watch over our souls and guide the congregation to display the glory of Christ in our worship and witness.

### **I. The Church's Need for Elders (3:1)**

A. The need for godly men (Acts 20:16-38)

B. The number of godly men (Acts 14:21-23)

C. The motivation of godly men (1Tim. 3:1)

### **II. The Godly Qualifications for Elders (3:2-15)**

A. Above Reproach in Character (3:2a)

B. Above Reproach in Teaching (3:2b)

C. Above Reproach in Conduct (3:3)

D. Above Reproach in Three Situations (3:4-7)

1. Must manage his household well
2. Should not be a new convert
3. Must be well thought of by non-Christians

### **III. The Good Outcome of Godly Elders**

A. Example to the flock (1Ptr. 5:1-4)

B. Witness to the lost (Heb.13:17)