

## The Measure of a Man of God

**1 Timothy 3:2**, *Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, **self-controlled**, respectable, hospitable, able to teach (NIV)*

• *An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, **prudent**, respectable, hospitable, able to teach (NASB)*

• *An overseer, therefore, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, self-controlled, **sensible**, respectable, hospitable, an able teacher (HCSB)*

### #2-Above Reproach

• Having, building, a good reputation in and out of the church.

• Spirituality is needed to attain the qualities mentioned, this is the result of living out those qualities.

**Esther 9:4**

**Proverbs 22:1**

**Acts 6:3**

Questions:

1. Do I get feedback from those closest to me that would indicate I have a good reputation?

2. Do people trust me enough to seek me out and share confidential information or to get advice?

3. Are you aware of any actions or attitudes in your life right now that are hurting your reputation?

4. What is one thing you would like to do to better your reputation as a man of God?

### #3-The husband of but one wife

• Being a “one woman man”

• Living a life of sexual purity

**Job 31:1-4**

**Proverbs 5-7**

**Matthew 5:27-28**

**1 Timothy 5:1-2**

**Hebrews 13:4**

**Revelation 14:1-5**

Questions:

1. How great of a struggle is this in your life right now? In what way are you most having a hard time staying sexually pure?

2. What are some practical steps we can take to maintain our sexual purity?

3. What decision do you need to make to grow in your purity?

### #4-Temperate

• Stable and steadfast...Avoiding emotional extremes

• *A man who has a clear focus on life and who doesn't live in a constant state of anxiety...a temperate man doesn't lose his physical, psychological and spiritual orientation...through it all he remains stable and steadfast, (Getz, Measure of a Man, p.46)*

**Matthew 7:24-27**

**James 1:6-8**

**1 Thessalonians 5:8**

Question:

1. How does our personality affect our ability to be temperate? What role does the Spirit play?

2. Is there anything that is going on now that is causing you anxiety?

3. How does faith and hope help us to be temperate? Is there something that is hurting your faith right now?

4. What decision do I need to make to become a more temperate man?

### #5-Prudent

- *Self-controlled (NIV) or sensible (HCSB)*
- Demonstrating wisdom

**Proverbs 2:1-15**

**Ephesians 5:15-18**

**James 3:13-17**

**1 Peter 1:13, 4:7, 5:8**

Questions:

1. What are some things you think demonstrate wisdom?
2. What specific challenges are you facing in being a man of wisdom?
3. How does **James 3:13-17** describe a man of wisdom? In which of these ways do you show yourself to be wise and in which do you not?
4. Challenge: study out “wise” and “wisdom” in the book of Proverbs.

### #6-Respectable

- Someone who is a good role model and worthy of respect
- Making the Gospel attractive to others...Adorning the Gospel with our actions
- *Kosmios: speaking of a man who is living a well-ordered life (Measure of a Man, p.66)*

**Ephesians 4:1-2, 5:8**

**1 Timothy 3:4, 8**

**Titus 2:2**

Questions:

1. What are the dangers in trying to make the Gospel attractive to others with our actions?
2. How can we avoid the two extremes of not caring at all what people think and caring too much about what others think about you?
3. Are you a man worthy of respect or do you find yourself having to demand respect? In what area of your life do you need to grow the most to become a man worthy of respect (in our jobs, socially and at church)?

### #7-Hospitable

- Generous, unselfish and giving

**Proverbs 11:24-25, 22:9**

**Romans 12:13**

**Ephesians 4:28**

**2 Corinthians 9:10-13**

**1 Peter 4:8-10**

Questions:

1. In what ways are you good at practicing hospitality and in what way do you need to grow in the most?
2. Is there something you'd like to do immediately to begin to develop this spiritual quality in your life?
3. What do you consider being generous with God? If you're not there, what steps will you take to get there?

### #8-Able to teach

- Someone who can communicate the Word of God clearly and effectively

**Colossians 4:2-6**

**2 Timothy 2:2,15, 23-26**

**Titus 1:9**

1. Why do some find it challenging to teach others?
2. What can you change that will help you become a better teacher of the Word?
3. We cannot teach what we do not know. What are you doing to grow in your knowledge of the Scriptures?