



GODLY, EQUIPPED, ACCOUNTABLE, AND RELIABLE MEN

We will use the book [*The Measure of a Man*](#) by Gene Getz, which draws on the apostle Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus to discover 20 attributes of a godly man. Getting a copy of the book is encouraged but not required.

GOOD REPUTATION

Week 2 - September 21, 2020

A. 1 Timothy 3:2 (NIV) Now the overseer must be above reproach . . .” - We see a similar statement in Titus 1:6.

B. What does it mean to be “above reproach”?

1. **“having a good reputation”** - This qualification for leadership in the church was nothing new. In Acts 6:3, the qualifications for deacons were those who were “of good reputation.”
2. **“well spoken of”** - Timothy is a good example
3. **Acts 16:1-2 (NIV)** ¹He came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was a Jewess and a believer, but whose father was a Greek. ²The brothers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him.

Three Insights about Timothy - Men of good reputation create positive conversations

- People were saying good things about him
- Several people were saying good things about him
- People in more than one location were saying good things about him

C. How do I know if I am a man of Good reputation?

1. What do those closest to you say? (wife, kids, close friends - those who know you best)
 - * Feedback from those who do not know us well is not a good test. We are very good at putting on a persona that may not be truly who we are.
2. How well do you know me? Some better than others - but there are those who know the real me and if I am serious about becoming the man God wants me to be, I should be willing to get their help.
 - * We are all in process. None of us has finished our journey and we can all become better men of good reputation.
3. Some Questions to ask yourself
 - Do people seek me out to share their lives with me? Do they trust me with confidential information?
 - Do my relationships with people grow deeper and more significant the longer they know me and the closer they get to me? Or do my friendships grow strained and shallow as people learn what I am really like?
 - Does my circle of friends grow continually wider and larger? Do an increasing number of people admire and trust me?
 - Do people recommend me for significant or difficult tasks without fear of me letting them down?



Eric Liddell - 1924 Olympics in Paris

D. Discuss

1. What encouraged or challenged you in today's study?
2. Why is it important to have a good reputation?
3. What are some ways a man develop his reputations?
4. What are some ways a man can ruin his reputation?