**Sermon Notes**

*The Required Character of an Elder*

1. As the elder is an example in his home, so he must be a

 and example to the flock.

1. **1Tim. 3:4-5 Titus 1:6**

Pistos Believe(r) or

 Faithful

Teknon: “younger” child older child assumed

Hupotage: under control with not accused of

 all dignity indecent behavior or

rebellion

Purpose: care for God’s remains qualified to

Church, i.e. leading lead church; remains

the church to the same above reproach

result-submissiveness

under-control with all

dignity.

1. Conclusion:

**SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH**

***A Reformed Baptist Church***

**Sunday, December 8th 2024**

*“Sola fide, sola gratia,* *sola scriptura, solus Christus, soli deo gloria”*

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**WELCOME TO OUR FELLOWSHIP**

(Helpful material for your growth in Christ)

**The London Baptist Confession of Faith – 1689**

**Chapter 27 ~ Of the Communion of Saints**

**Paragraph 1 of 2:** All saints who are united to Jesus Christ, who is their head, by His Spirit and by faith (although this does not mean they are one person with Him) have fellowship in His graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory. Since they are united to each other in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces and are obligated to carry out these duties, both public and private. These duties should be done in an orderly way for the mutual benefit of the saints, both in the inward and outward aspects of their lives. (John 1:16; Romans 1:12; 6:5-6; 1 Corinthians 3:21-23; 12:7; Galatians 6:10; Ephesians 4:15-16; Philippians 3:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:11, 14; 1 John 1:3; 3:17-18)

**Paragraph 2 of 2:** Saints by profession are obligated to maintain holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God and in performing other spiritual services that promote their mutual edification. They should also help each other in outward things according to their various abilities and needs. This communion should be especially shared in family and church relationships. At the same time, according to the rule of the gospel, as God provides opportunity, this communion should be extended to all believers, to everyone in every place who calls upon the name of the Lord Jesus. However, their communion with one another as saints does not take away or infringe on the title or property that people have in their goods and possessions. (Acts 5:4; 11:29-30; 1 Corinthians 12:14-27; Ephesians 4:2; 6:47; Hebrews 3:12-13; 10:24-25)

The “delay” that instructs and prepares us saves time, never loses it. ~Raymond Edman *“The Disciplines of Life”*

“Bloom where you are planted”

**This Sunday’s Worship**

Prepare for Worship:

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing* ~Jewel

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship: Please stand to read together

#130 *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

Hymns:

#138 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

#131 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

#151 *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

Please be seated

Elder Prayer

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:33-40

Special Music ~ *O Holy Night*

Sermon: *Titus 1:6 & 1 Timothy 3:4-5*

Lord’s Supper

Closing Hymn:

#145 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Benediction:

*“Now the God of Peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.” Heb. 13:20-21*

Announcements

Fellowship

**Looking Ahead/Announcements**

**Wednesday, Dec 11 @ 7pm:** Prayer Time in our homes

**Sunday, Dec 15 after church:** Christmas Celebration Dinner; bring a gift and a Christmas treat 😊

**Kim’s new address:** 15341 Nimbus Way, Caldwell, ID 83607

**Advent Bible Reading**

**December 9:** 2 Samuel 7:8-16; Isaiah 11:1-5; Matthew 22:41-46

**December 10:** Daniel 2:27-45: Luke 2:10-11; 19:9-10

**December 11:** Daniel 7:13-14; John 18:36

**December 12:** 1 Corinthians 15:24-26; Hebrews 2:5-18; 1 John 3:7-10

**December 13:** John 3:16; 15:9-17; Romans 5:6-11