

As we look ahead to next week, we are reminded that God's design for the church is that she be overseen by qualified elders. While not all believers are called to serve as elders, every Christian should aspire to the character and godliness these qualifications reflect. This week, we will carefully examine those qualities together.



MONDAY :: Read PHILIPPIANS 4:8

How we think is very important and informs how we act. Often, though, our thoughts aren't what they ought to be. God graciously corrects our wrong thinking by commanding us to think in a certain way. Considering the qualities listed in v. 8, are you intentionally thinking about such things?

TUESDAY:: Read 1 CORINTHIANS 15:33

We are influenced by the company we keep, whether for good or bad? Are your closest friends contributing to Christlike character being formed within you? Are you being negatively impacted by the company you keep? How are you pushing your friends toward Jesus?

WEDNESDAY :: Read PROVERBS 10:9a

One of the blessings of having righteous character and walking with integrity is that you are free from the fear of being found out for wrongdoing. The person who is duplicitous lives with the constant anxiety of being uncovered, which this text says will eventually occur. Choose to walk righteously in God's strength, for God's glory, in view of His grace toward you in Christ Jesus.

THURSDAY :: Read ROMANS 5:3-5

Affliction is not purposeless, but is used by the Lord to produce hope and godly character within us. *Do you view the trials you face as opportunities to grow or merely as obstacles to overcome? Choose the former!*

FRIDAY :: Read 2 PETER 1:5-6

Notice the admonishment toward growth in these verses. As Christians, growth in grace should permeate every aspect of our lives: faith, character, knowledge, self-control, faithfulness, and godliness. Are you making every effort to thoroughly experience growth in Christ as this text says?

SATURDAY :: Read TITUS 2:7-8

Paul encourages Titus to live with such a high level of integrity that any attempt of someone levying an accusation against him would only result in shameful embarassment on their part. People will look for ways to call Christians to account...live in such a way that no one could have an evil word to speak against you.

SUNDAY :: Read TITUS 1:5-9

This is one of the texts for today's message.

