

The Elder's Spiritual Life

School of the Shepherds 103

OVERVIEW

School of the Shepherds 103: Spiritual Maturity addresses the biblical qualifications that allow men to enter and remain in the office of pastoral eldership.

This course is based on the booklet ***Spiritual Maturity: Based on Qualifications for Biblical Elders*** and the videos or audios that accompany the chapters in the booklet.

This booklet is a required text for completing this course. You can purchase either a [printed copy](#) or a [digital copy](#) from the Biblical Eldership Resources store.

GOALS

In this semester, you will:

- Understand the meaning of each qualification for local church eldership;
- Appreciate the reasons these qualities are so important for local church ministry;
- Challenge yourself and your elder team to cultivate these qualities more deeply in your own lives.

For each lesson, complete the following:

1. For each elder qualification, read the corresponding section of the Spiritual Maturity booklet (Summary, Key Verses, Description, Applied to All Christians).
2. Answer all the Review questions.
3. At various points throughout each Review quiz, you will be asked to pause and complete the pertinent self-evaluation questions in the Spiritual Maturity booklet; this is required in order to proceed.
4. Complete the Discussion questions and prepare to talk about them with your mentor or study group.
5. If desired, complete the Optional Assignment questions, which reference short, relevant sections of the book [Biblical Eldership: An Urgent Call to Restore Biblical Church Leadership](#) by Alexander Strauch, available for purchase in the Biblical Eldership Resources online store.