

Chapter 2 – Building a Good Reputation (being above reproach)

A **godly reputation** develops over years of faithful living. The Bible requires church leaders to be "**above reproach**" meaning no legitimate accusation could be made against your character. Being blameless does not mean being perfect.

"**Above reproach**" means living a life with strong integrity and character.

1. Being **above reproach** means unquestionable integrity not sinlessness.
2. **Above reproach** is a process not perfection.
3. **Above reproach** flows from living for God's glory not for yourself.

Key Lessons

- **Reputation** is earned over time.
- Integrity matters even when no one is watching.
- Character shapes and influences all areas of our lives.

Scripture

- 1 Timothy 3:2
- Luke 2:52
- Proverbs 22:1
- 1 Corinthians 11:1
- Philippians 3:12

Application

- Guard your reputation
- Practice honesty in all areas of your life
- Let actions consistently match beliefs. Actions speak louder than words.