



Intentional Where Are the Elders? Titus 1:5-9

1. The Intentional Mentor: Paul

Acts 2:11

Cretans and Arabs - we hear them in our own tongues speaking the mighty deeds of God.

2. The Intentional Leader: Titus

1 Timothy 3:15

but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

3. The Intentional Life: Elders

a. The elder is above reproach as a husband and father.

1 Timothy 3:5

but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?

b. The elder is above reproach as God's steward.

i. is not self-willed - pleasing only himself and imposing his own will on others

ii. is not quick-tempered - quickly angered for the wrong reason at the wrong time in the wrong measure

iii. is not addicted to wine - word picture: one who always has a bottle on the table and so signifies the addiction

iv. is not pugnacious - a striker or fighter; Greeks widened this to include violent words

v. is not fond of sordid gain - dishonest gain at work; exploiting the church for indecent profit for himself

vi. is hospitable - chasing after an opportunity for hospitality (Rom. 12:13)

vii. is loving what is good - loving the being and doing of good

viii. is sensible - understanding when to use and when to limit one's freedoms; wise control over every instinct

ix. is just - man's relationship to man; one who is even handed and views the rights of others as if they were his own

x. is devout - man's relationship to God; revering and keeping God's ordinances

xi. is self-controlled - master over his own passions; content in doing and having what God asks and gives

c. The elder is to hold fast the faithful word.

1 Timothy 3:1

It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do.

“In its operation, the church will be led by a group of godly men called elders. These shall be men in whose lives the working of the Holy Spirit is evident, who have given a worthy witness of Christ in their lives, and who have met the qualifications given in the Scriptures. The totality of elders, which shall have no numerical limit, shall constitute the Elder Body. Authority for the day-to-day ministry matters will reside in the General Council of Elders.”

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