

**SETTING THINGS IN ORDER – Church Leadership (part 2)**  
Titus 1:10-16

**Authority -**

**(Hebrews 13:17) Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.**

Joy is an essential for “Biblical leadership!”

**(Nehemiah 8:10b) “Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”**

**(Numbers 20:12) Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."**

**Hallowed – Hebrew: qadash – pronounce, observe, honored, sacred/holy.**

*Attitudes of self-righteous anger and frustration fail to “honor” God!*

**(James 1:20) “...for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.”**

**Psalm 46:10, 11) Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

To “be still” is **not** a call to “passivity,” but *utter reliance* upon God!

Two characteristics of the “insubordinate.”

1) Idle talkers (gossips) – mischievous, uttering empty, senseless things.

2) Deceivers – seducers.

(Proverbs 16:27-28) An ungodly man digs up evil, And it is on his lips like a burning fire. A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer separates the best of friends.

(2 Timothy 1:7) For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

(v.12, 13a). Cretan wise man, Epimenides - born on the island of Crete some 538 years before the Christian era.

Sharply – *apotomos* – abruptly, precipitously, severely.

Precipitously – nastily and without careful consideration.

Colossians 3:8-11.

Proverbs 6:16-19 - seven things God hates - “...one who sows discord among brethren.”

(v.14, 15).

Legalistic rules regarding eating meat - (1 Corinthians 8-10).

Psalms 24:1a – “The earth is the Lord’s and all its fullness...”

**(Matthew 15:11) Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man."**

**"...why is my liberty judged by another man's conscience?" (1 Corinthians 10:29b).**

**(v.16) Judaizers - *abominable, disobedient, and disqualified* - "trusted" in their "works," rather than the "work" (righteousness) of Christ!**

**(John 6:28-29) Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."**

**CONCLUSION: Leadership**

**(1 Corinthians 11:1) Imitate (follow) me, just as I also imitate (follow) Christ.**