

Officers 3

1 Tim 3:1-13 & Titus 1:5-16

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3:1 This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop [overseer], he desires a good work. 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; 3 not [addicted] given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous [not a lover of money]; 4 one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence 5 (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); 6 not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. 7 Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

- 1) Elder, Teacher, Pastor, Overseer
- 2) Blameless - **Deut 24:5 - When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home one year, and bring happiness to his wife whom he has taken.**
- 3) Husband of one wife - one woman man
- 4) Napholeon - Serious - focused on the mission
- 5) Sophronan - Prudent / Wise - knows the good and the means to the good
- 6) Kosmion - Able / Capable / Competent - able to get stuff done, able to manage well
- 7) Hospitable - shows love for those outside the household by welcoming them into the household and blessing them.
- 8) Didaktikian - Able to Teach - able to use the word to give doctrine, rebuke, correction, and training in righteousness
- 9) V. 3 - Wine, violence, greed - gentle, peaceable, a non-moneylover
- 10) V. 4 - Rules own house well
- 11) Children in submission with reverence
- 12) Taking care of his house and the church of God related
- 13) V. 6 - Not a novice - 1 year - pride and the condemnation of the devil
- 14) V. 7 - good testimony by those outside of his house (local church? The church?) - to avoid falling into reproach as being a harm to the office and thus the snare of the devil to disrespect the office be set for others.

8 Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, 9 holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. 10 But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless. 11 Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers [malicious gossips], temperate, faithful in all things. 12 Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. 13 For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

- 1) V. 8 - Reverent - semnous - pious - strong sense of duty - dutifulness
- 2) Not double tongued
- 3) Not given to wine - pleasure
- 4) Not greedy for money - evil gain - money
 - a) Notice nothing about violence or bullying or domineering
- 5) V. 9 - mystery of the faith
- 6) V. 10 - tested, then serve as deacons if found blameless
- 7) V. 11 - wives of deacons
 - a) Reverent - semnas - pious - dutiful
 - b) Not slanderers / malicious gossips
 - c) Nephalious - sober - serious minded
 - d) believing
- 8) V. 12 - one woman man
- 9) rule children and house well
- 10) V. 13 - obtain good standing and great boldness in the faith

Titus 1

5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you— 6 if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of [b]dissipation or insubordination. 7 For a [c]bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, 8 but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, 9 holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

- 1) Blameless
- 2) One woman man
- 3) Believing children
- 4) Not accused of being unsaved
- 5) Not accused of being insubordinate
- 6) Blameless as a household administrator
- 7) Not self willed
- 8) Not quick tempered
- 9) Not given to wine
- 10) Not violent
- 11) Not greedy for money
- 12) Hospitable
- 13) A lover of what is good
- 14) Sober-minded
- 15) Just
- 16) Holy
- 17) Self-controlled
- 18) Holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught
 - a) So that he can use the healing word to give strength and convict those who contradict the faithful word

10 For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, 11 whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain. 12 One of them, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." 13 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, 14 not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth. 15 To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. 16 They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being [d]abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

Dan 12:2-3

2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt [abhorrence].

3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

1 John 2:12-14

12 I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

13 I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one.

I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father.

14 I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning.

I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

- 1) **Children** - Your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. You have known the Father.
 - a) Even the littlest knowledge of God is eternal life - is the instrument of justification
- 2) **Young Men** - You have overcome the wicked one. You are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.
 - a) The conquest of the Devil comes from strength that comes from the knowledge of God. The knowledge of God results in strength from the abiding presence of the word in the believer and the strength from the abiding presence of the Word results in conquest of the Devil.
- 3) **Fathers** - You have known Him who is from the beginning. You have known Him who is from the beginning.
 - a) The Wise see that the Knowledge of God is the source of life, the instrument for forgiveness, the source of strength to overcome the darkness, and the end and goal in itself.
 - b) The wise are steeped in the knowledge of God and seek to continue to gain more of it.

Job 33:23-28

**23 “If there is a messenger for him,
A mediator, one among a thousand,
To show man His uprightness,
24 Then He is gracious to him, and says,
‘Deliver him from going down to the Pit;
I have found a ransom’;
25 His flesh shall be young like a child’s,
He shall return to the days of his youth.
26 He shall pray to God, and He will delight in him,
He shall see His face with joy,
For He restores to man His righteousness.
27 Then he looks at men and says,
‘I have sinned, and perverted what was right,
And it did not profit me.’
28 He will redeem his soul from going down to the Pit,
And his life shall see the light.**

Titles - messenger, interpreter

Rarity - 1/1000

Office

Blessing

Commission and authority

Is 6:5-8 [1-9a]

6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said:

**“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
The whole earth is full of His glory!”**

4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 So I said:

**“Woe is me, for I am [a]undone!
Because I am a man of unclean lips,
And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
For my eyes have seen the King,
The Lord of hosts.”**

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said:

**“Behold, this has touched your lips;
Your iniquity is taken away,
And your sin [b]purged.”**

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:

**“Whom shall I send,
And who will go for Us?”**

Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

9 And He said, “Go, and tell this people:

Vision

Fear & Dejection - pollution, group pollution, God's glory

Consolation

Commission

2 Tim 3:10-4:5

10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction [training] in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4:1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Is 50:4-6

**4 “The Lord God has given Me
The tongue of the learned,
That I should know how to speak
A word in season to him who is weary.
He awakens Me morning by morning,
He awakens My ear
To hear as the learned.**

**5 The Lord God has opened My ear;
And I was not rebellious,
Nor did I turn away.**

**6 I gave My back to those who struck Me,
And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard;
I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.**

Proverbs 11:30

**30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
And he who wins [takes] souls is wise.**

Ps. 118:26 [25-28]

25 Save now, I pray, O Lord;

O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity.

**26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.**

27 God is the Lord,

And He has given us light;

Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

**28 You are my God, and I will praise You;
You are my God, I will exalt You.**

Conclusion

- 1 - Pitch - up and down
- 2 - Dynamism - change from hard to soft
- 3 - Time - speed up and slow down
- 4 - Ictus - pg. 312 -
- 5 - Timbre -
- 6 - tremulousness
- 7 - purity of tone