

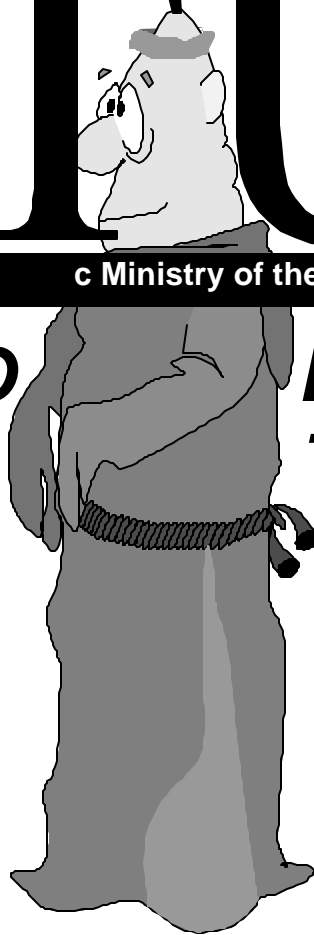
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ELDERS TO BE APPOINTED IN EVERY TOWN



This letter from Paul to Titus with instructions to appoint elders in every city.

Now here is what you are to look for in an elder or overseer:

(1) An elder must be well thought of for living a good life.

(2) Faithful to one wife.

(3) His children must be believers who are not wild or rebellious or disobedient or unruly.

(4) He must be blameless, not overbearing, not quick tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain, not arrogant, not violent or controlled by greed.

(5) He must live a devout and disciplined life, being hospitable, one who is self-controlled, having a strong

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and steadfast belief in the true message of the good news and will be able to encourage others with right teaching and show those who oppose it where they are wrong. These things are necessary to hold fast to correct teachings and be an example and a witness to the people of the church and the lost.

There are many that rebel against right teaching, unruly, vain talkers and deceivers. This is especially true of the Jewish believers in your church. Unless you stop the false teachings

and which will lead entire families away from the truth.

These teachers only want your money. One of their prophets said of your people, "They are all liars, cruel animals and lazy gluttons." Stop listening to myths and people who have turned their backs on the truth!

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RIGHT TEACHING—RIGHT LIVING

Speak and teach the kind of things that become sound doctrine and the kind of living that reflects right teaching. Older men should exercise self control, be sound in the faith and be filled with love and patience. Older women should be reverent, not heavy drinkers or go around speaking evil of others. They should teach others what is good and teach the younger women to love their husbands and children

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and now to have a pure and holy home, to do good and be submissive to their husbands so that they not bring shame on the word of God.

Encourage young men and set them an example. Let your teaching be so correct that it can't be criticized.

Slaves, obey your masters and do your best to please them. In doing so you will make the teachings about God our

Saviour attractive in every way.

The grace of God that brings salvation has been revealed to all people. We are instructed to turn away from godless living and sinful pleasures and say no to the worldly passions to live a self-controlled, upright and Godly life in these present days while we wait for the glorious event when our God and Saviour Jesus Christ returns and appears to purify for himself a people that are his very own and totally committed to doing what is right. Believer, you have the authority to do this, so don't let anyone ignore you or disregard what you say.

Submit to the government and its officers. Be obedient and always do what is good. Be peaceable and considerate and show humility toward all people. Do not speak evil of anyone and avoid quarreling, instead be gentle with others. Be fruitful by doing good and helping others.



Remember your Salvation was by the Grace of God.

When you deal with the lost, remember that once we too were foolish and disobedient and became slaves to wicked desires and evil pleasures and were in bondage to evil and lived in envy and hate. We hated others and they hated us. But God our Saviour showed us His kindness and love. He saved us by His love and kindness, not because of the good things that we did. It was His love not our righteousness. He washed away our sin and by rebirth and regeneration gave us new life through the Holy Spirit. He so generously poured out the Spirit on us because of what Jesus Christ our Saviour did for us. By Jesus He declared us not guilty having been justified by His grace. Now we will inherit eternal life. Stress these things that others who believe will devote themselves to doing good because it benefits everyone.