

1 Timothy 3:1-16

PART IV

{Sunday, November 11, 2012 A.D.}

1 Timothy 3:1-16 (NASB95)

¹ It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires *to do*.

² **An overseer, then, must be** above reproach, the husband of one wife, **temperate**, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ **not addicted to wine** or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. ⁴ *He must be* one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity ⁵ (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), ⁶ *and* not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. ⁷ And he must have a good reputation with those outside *the church*, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

⁸ **Deacons likewise must be** men of dignity, not double-tongued, or **addicted to much wine** or fond of sordid gain, ⁹ *but* holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach. ¹¹ Women *must likewise be* dignified, not malicious gossips, **but temperate**, faithful in all things. ¹² Deacons must be husbands of *only one wife*, *and* good managers of *their* children and their own households. ¹³ For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; 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. ¹⁶ By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness:

TEMPERATE:

mild or moderate, self-restrained, not extreme in opinion, behavior or attitude

moderate as regards indulgence of appetite or passion, especially in the use of alcoholic beverages

sober

ELDERS: {serve Christ as under-shepherds by exercising spiritual authority over the local visible church – through preaching/teaching/counseling & ruling/discipline & prayer & etc}

² **An overseer, then, must be. . . temperate,** ³ **not addicted to wine**

DEACONS & DEACONESSES: {serve Christ by serving His church with their spiritual gifts – do not function as exercising authority over church members – basically ALL other functions which are non-specific to elders}

⁸ **Deacons likewise must be. . . not addicted to much wine,**

¹¹ **Women must likewise be. . . temperate**

Proverbs 23:29-34 (NASB95)

²⁹ Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaining?
Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes?

³⁰ Those who linger long over wine, Those who go to taste mixed wine.

³¹ Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it goes down smoothly; ³² At the last it bites like a serpent And stings like a viper.

³³ Your eyes will see strange things And your mind will utter perverse things. ³⁴ And you will be like one who lies down in the middle of the sea, Or like one who lies down on the top of a mast.

Isaiah 5:11-12 (NASB95)

¹¹ Woe to those who rise early in the morning that they may pursue strong drink, Who stay up late in the evening that wine may inflame them!

¹² Their banquets are *accompanied* by lyre and harp, by tambourine and flute, and by wine;

But they do not pay attention to the deeds of the LORD, Nor do they consider the work of His hands.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NASB95)

⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?

Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹ Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

Ephesians 5:15-21 (NASB95)

¹⁵ Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

¹⁷ So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; ²⁰ always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father, ²¹ and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

1 Corinthians 5:11 (NASB95)

¹¹ But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one.

Matthew 11:16-19 (NASB95)

¹⁶ "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market places, who call out to the other *children*, ¹⁷ and say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸ "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon!' ¹⁹ "The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners'

John 2:1-11 (NASB95)

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; ² and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said* to Him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said* to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said* to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." ⁶ Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each. ⁷ Jesus said* to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." So they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And He said* to them, "Draw *some* out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it *to him*. ⁹ When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called* the bridegroom, ¹⁰ and said* to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when *the people* have drunk freely, *then he serves* the poorer *wine*; *but* you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ This beginning of *His* signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

Matthew 26:26-29 (NASB95)

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took *some* bread, and after a blessing, He broke *it* and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." ²⁷ And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

1 Corinthians 11:20-22, 33-34 (NASB95)

²⁰ Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper, ²¹ for in your eating each one takes his own supper first; and one is hungry and another is drunk. ²² What! Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? In this I will not praise you. . . .

³³ So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴ If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that you will not come together for judgment. The remaining matters I will arrange when I come.

1 Timothy 5:23 (NASB95)

²³ No longer drink water *exclusively*, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.