

1 Timothy 3:1-16

PART VIII

{Sunday, January 6, 2013 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:

FREE FROM THE LOVE OF MONEY/NOT FOND OF SORDID GAIN:

- demonstrating the worst aspects of human nature such as immorality, selfishness, and greed

Exodus 20:2-6 (NASB95)

² **"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.**

³ **"You shall have no other gods before Me.**

⁴ **"You shall not make for yourself an idol,** or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. ⁵ **"You shall not worship them or serve them;** for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Mark 12:28-30 (NASB95)

²⁸ One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; ³⁰ **AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'**"

Matthew 6:33 (NASB95)

³³ **"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness,** and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 16:24-27 (NASB95)

²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, **"If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.** ²⁵ **"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.** ²⁶ **"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷ "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.**

Matthew 21:12-13 (NASB95)

¹² And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were **buying and selling in the temple,** and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. ¹³ And He said* to them, "It is written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER'; but you are making it a **ROBBERS' DEN.**"

Luke 12:33-34 (NASB95)

³³ "Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves money belts which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near nor moth destroys. ³⁴ **"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

Mark 12:41-44 (NASB95)

⁴¹ And He sat down opposite the treasury, and *began* observing how the people were putting money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent. ⁴³ Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; ⁴⁴ for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on."

Matthew 19:16-26 (NASB95)

. . . ²¹ Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be complete, go *and* sell your possessions and give to *the* poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." ²² But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property. . . .

Luke 16:1-15 (NASB95)

. . . ¹³ "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

¹⁴ Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things and were scoffing at Him. ¹⁵ And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God."

Matthew 25:14-30 (NASB95)

1 Timothy 6:6-19 (NASB95)

⁶ But godliness *actually* is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. ⁷ For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. ⁸ If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. ⁹ But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ **For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.**

¹¹ But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance *and* gentleness.

¹² Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴ that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

¹⁷ **Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. ¹⁸ Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.**

2 Timothy 3:1-9 (NASB95)

¹ But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. ² **For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these. . . .**

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NASB95)

⁵ **Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," ⁶ so that we confidently say, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?"**

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. . .

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}

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¹¹ Women *must* likewise be. . .