

Ephesians 4:11 New King James Version

11 And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

< [Ephesians 3](#)

[Ephesians 5](#) >

Philippians 1:1 New King James Version

Greeting

1 Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the ^[a]bishops and deacons:

Footnotes

a. [Philippians 1:1](#) Lit. *overseers*

< [Ephesians 6](#)

[Philippians 2](#) >

1 Timothy 3:1-7 New King James Version

Qualifications of Overseers

3 This *is* a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a ^[a]bishop, 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 ^[b]given to wine, not violent, ^[c]not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not ^[d]covetous; 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 ^[e]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.

Footnotes

- a. [1 Timothy 3:1](#) Lit. *overseer*
- b. [1 Timothy 3:3](#) *addicted*
- c. [1 Timothy 3:3](#) NU omits *not greedy for money*
- d. [1 Timothy 3:3](#) *loving money*
- e. [1 Timothy 3:6](#) *new convert*

1 Timothy 3:2-5 New King James Version

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Footnotes

- a. [1 Timothy 3:3](#) *addicted*
- b. [1 Timothy 3:3](#) NU omits *not greedy for money*

Titus 1:5-16 New King James Version

Qualified Elders

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 ^[a]dissipation or insubordination. ⁷ For a ^[b]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.

The Elders' Task

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 ^[c]abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

Footnotes

a. Titus 1:6 *debauchery*, lit. *incorrigibility*

b. Titus 1:7 Lit. *overseer*

c. Titus 1:16 *detestable*

< 2 Timothy 4

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Titus 1:7-9 New King James Version

⁷ For a ^[a]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.

Footnotes

a. Titus 1:7 Lit. *overseer*

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1 Timothy 4:14 New King James Version

¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

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1 Timothy 5 >

1 Timothy 5:17-18 New King James Version

Honor the Elders

17 Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. **18** For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer *is* worthy of his wages."

< [1 Timothy 4](#)

[1 Timothy 6](#) >

Leviticus 19:32 New King James Version

32 'You shall ^[a]rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I *am* the LORD.

Footnotes

a. [Leviticus 19:32](#) *rise to give honor*

< [Leviticus 18](#)

[Leviticus 20](#) >

1 Peter 5:1-5 New King James Version

Shepherd the Flock

5 The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed:

2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but ^[a]willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; **3** nor as being ^[b]lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; **4** and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

Submit to God, Resist the Devil

5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for

“God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble.”

Footnotes

- a. [1 Peter 5:2](#) NU adds *according to God*
- b. [1 Peter 5:3](#) *masters*

< [1 Peter 4](#)

[2 Peter 1](#) >

Acts 14:23 New King James Version

²³ So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

< [Acts 13](#)

[Acts 15](#) >

Acts 16:4 New King James Version

⁴ And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees to keep, which were determined by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem.

< [Acts 15](#)

[Acts 17](#) >

Acts 20:17-35 New King James Version

The Ephesian Elders Exhorted

17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. 18 And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, 19 serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; 20 how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, 21 testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. 24 ^[a]But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my ^[b]race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

25 "And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. 26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I *am* innocent^[c] of the blood of all *men*. 27 For I have not ^[d]shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. 28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church ^[e]of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking ^[f]perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. 31 Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

32 "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. 34 ^[g]Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. 35 I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

Footnotes

- a. Acts 20:24 NU *But I do not count my life of any value or dear to myself*
- b. Acts 20:24 *course*
- c. Acts 20:26 Lit. *clean*
- d. Acts 20:27 *avoided declaring*

e. [Acts 20:28](#) M *of the Lord and God*

f. [Acts 20:30](#) *misleading*

g. [Acts 20:34](#) NU, M omit Yes

< [Acts 19](#)

[Acts 21](#) >

James 5:14 New King James Version

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

< [James 4](#)

[1 Peter 1](#) >

Hebrews 13:7 New King James Version

Concluding Religious Directions

7 Remember those who ^[a]rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of *their* conduct.

Footnotes

a. [Hebrews 13:7](#) *lead*

< [Hebrews 12](#)

[James 1](#) >

Hebrews 13:17 New King James Version

¹⁷ Obey those who ^[a]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.

Footnotes

a. [Hebrews 13:17](#) *lead*

< [Hebrews 12](#)

[James 1](#) >

2 Timothy 4:2 New King James Version

² Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

< [2 Timothy 3](#)

[Titus 1](#) >

1 Timothy 3:8-13 New King James Version

Qualifications of Deacons

⁸ Likewise deacons *must be* reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, ⁹ holding the ^[a]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 ^[b]slanderers, 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.

Footnotes

a. [1 Timothy 3:9](#) *hidden truth*

b. [1 Timothy 3:11](#) *malicious gossips*

< [1 Timothy 2](#)

[1 Timothy 4](#) >

2 Timothy 3:16 New King James Version

¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for ^[a]instruction in righteousness,

Footnotes

a. [2 Timothy 3:16](#) *training, discipline*

< [2 Timothy 2](#)

[2 Timothy 4](#) >

Acts 6:3 New King James Version

³ Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of *good* reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;

< [Acts 5](#)

[Acts 7](#) >

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