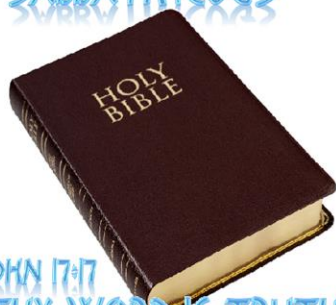
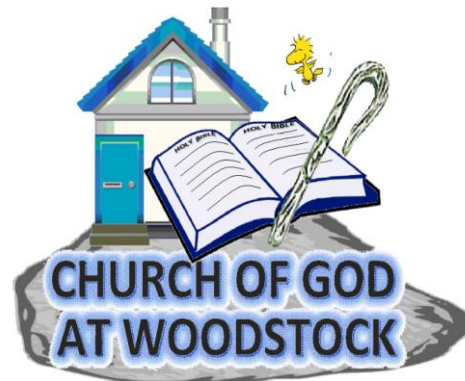


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The Church Elder.

An esteemed position? Or a humble servant? Is it proper to desire such a role in God's Church? Who does an Elder answer to? Who and how do they serve? What qualities or qualifications must such a one possess? Do they have a job to do? SELAH. -- EDITOR



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DESIRING AN OFFICE (BISHOP)

1 Timothy 3:1 This *is* a true saying,
If a man **desire the office** of a
bishop, he desireth a **good work**.

- ❖ Foolish to consider a man having no desire (disaster in the making)
- ❖ Words important (desire/work)
- ❖ Desire – emotion directed toward attainment, earnestly seek
- ❖ Office – Deeds/Work of “overseer”
- ❖ Work – takes action, exertion of strength, time & effort required
- ❖ Yearning to serve God, brethren

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VIRTUOUS TOIL^{Cont'd}

DESIRING AN OFFICE (BISHOP)

REQUIREMENT OF DESIRE

- ❖ Love God, truth - God's work, will; manage another's affairs (steward); able to teach, hold fast the word, exhort others; **if no desire** - bad example, lose sheep, apostasy develops
- ❖ Love brethren, church – can't be 'ineffective parents without love', shepherds unconcerned about sheep, must not respect persons
- ❖ Willing to deny self - Not self-willed, not to be preeminent

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VIRTUOUS TOIL Cont'd

DESIRING AN OFFICE (BISHOP)

WHY MEN LACK DESIRE

- ❖ Lack of Bible study
- ❖ Lack of faith
- ❖ Lack of personal responsibility (talent buried)
- ❖ Lack of spiritual growth
- ❖ Lack of encouragement
- ❖ Relative to desire of others, depth of faith

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VIRTUOUS TOIL Cont'd

DESIRING AN OFFICE (BISHOP)

- ❖ Directly related to work and other qualifications
- ❖ Makes spiritual work a pleasure, brethren's welfare a concern, spiritual growth in qualifications sure, sacrifice gratifying
- ❖ Desire to serve as an overseer like the desire to do God's will in other matters - stems from strong faith

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GOD HOUSEKEEPING VIRTUOUS TOIL

WORKMAN WORTHY

All elders have the task of oversight and discipline of the congregation (Acts 20:28) and all have the responsibility to rule and guide the people of God with the Word in a manner that is pleasing to God.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

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WORKMAN WORTHY (Cont'd)

They must work to defend the flock from predators, to warn and sound an alarm – with deep compassion/caring.

Acts 20:29-31 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

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VIRTUOUS TOIL WORKMAN WORTHY

Elders are to preserve and nurture life with God in the covenant community.

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.

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VIRTUOUS TOIL WORKMAN WORTHY ^(Cont'd)

1 Thessalonians 2:10-12 Ye *are* witnesses, and God *also*, how **holily and justly and unblameably** we **behaved** ourselves among you that believe: As ye know how we **exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, That ye would walk worthy of God**, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

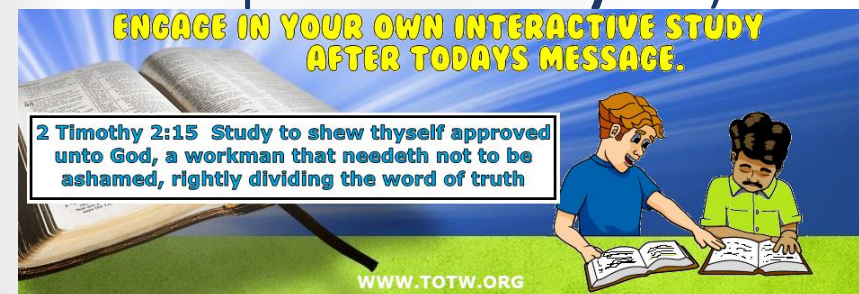
In executing this task they are in the service of their risen Lord (to whom they will have to give account)

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VIRTUOUS TOIL WORKMAN WORTHY ^(Cont'd)

1 Thessalonians 5:12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, **as they that must give account**, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for **you.**)





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VIRTUOUS TOIL WORKMAN WORTHY

1 Peter 5:1-4 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: **Feed the flock of God** which is among you, **taking the oversight thereof**, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a **ready mind**; Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being **ensamples** to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

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Strong's Greek Dictionary 4245.
πρεσβυτερος presbuteros *pres-boo'-ter-os* comparative of presbus (elderly); older; as noun, a senior; specially, an Israelite Sanhedrist (also figuratively, member of the celestial council) or Christian "presbyter":— elder(-est), old.

Luke 15:25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.

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Strong's Greek Dictionary 4243.
πρεσβευω presbeuo *pres-byoo'-o*
from the base of 4245; to be a
senior, i.e. (by implication) **act as**
a representative (figuratively,
preacher):—**be an ambassador.**

2 Corinthians 5:20 Now then we
are **ambassadors** for Christ, as
though God did beseech *you* by
us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead,
be ye reconciled to God.

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Ephesians 6:20 For which I am
an **ambassador** in bonds: that
therein I may speak boldly, as I
ought to speak.

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| Unleavens | Thurs April 13 - Wed 19 |
| Pentecost | Sun June 4 |
| Trumpets | Fri Sept 22 |
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| Tabernacles | Fri Oct 6 - Thur 12 |
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4244. πρεσβυτεριον
presbuterion *pres-boo-
ter'-ee-on* neuter of a
presumed derivative of
4245; **the order of elders**,
i.e. (specially), **Israelite
Sanhedrin or Christian
"presbytery":—**(estate of)
elder(-s), presbytery.

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What Does It All Mean?

Acts 22:5a As also the high
priest doth bear me witness,
and all the estate of the
elders:

1 Timothy 4:14 Neglect not
the gift that is in thee, which
was given thee by prophecy,
with the laying on of the
hands of the presbytery.

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Strong's Greek Dictionary

4246. πρεσβυτης presbutes
pres-boo'-tace; **an old man:—aged (man), old man.**

Luke 1:18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an **old man**, and my wife well stricken in years.

Titus 2:2 That the **aged men** be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

GOD HOUSEKEEPING VIRTUOUS TOIL ELDER OR OLDER?

Strong's Greek Dictionary

4247. πρεσβυτις presbutis
pres-boo'-tis feminine of 4246; **an old woman:—aged woman.**

Titus 2:3 The **aged women** likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

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BLESSED ARE
THEY THAT
HEAR
THE WORD
OF GOD,
AND KEEP IT.
—JESUS (LUKE 11:28)

Revelation 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

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Strong's Greek Dictionary

1983. επισκοπεω episkopeo

ep-ee-skop-eh'-o from 1909

and 4648; to oversee; by

implication, to beware:—look diligently, take the oversight.

Hebrews 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled;

1 Peter 5:2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

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ἐπισκοπή episcopē *ep-is-kop-ay'* from 1980; **inspection** (for relief); by implication, **superintendence**; specially, the Christian "episcopate":—the office of a "bishop", bishoprick, visitation.

Lu 19:44; Ac 1:20; 1Ti 3:1; 1Pe 2:12
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Strong's Greek Dictionary 1985.

ἐπισκοπος episkopos *ep-is'-kop-os* from 1909 and 4649 (in the sense of 1983); a superintendent, i.e. Christian officer in genitive case charge of a (or the) church (literally or figuratively):—bishop, overseer.

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& ONE TIME OVERSEERS

[Ac 20:28; Php 1:1; 1Ti 3:2; 2Ti 4:22;
Tit 1:7; Tit 3:15; 1Pe 2:25]

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CHARACTERISTICS OF AN ELDER

Exodus 18:19-23 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God: **And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do. Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers** of thousands, *and* rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens: And let them **judge** the people at all seasons: and it shall be, *that* every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear *the burden* with thee

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If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

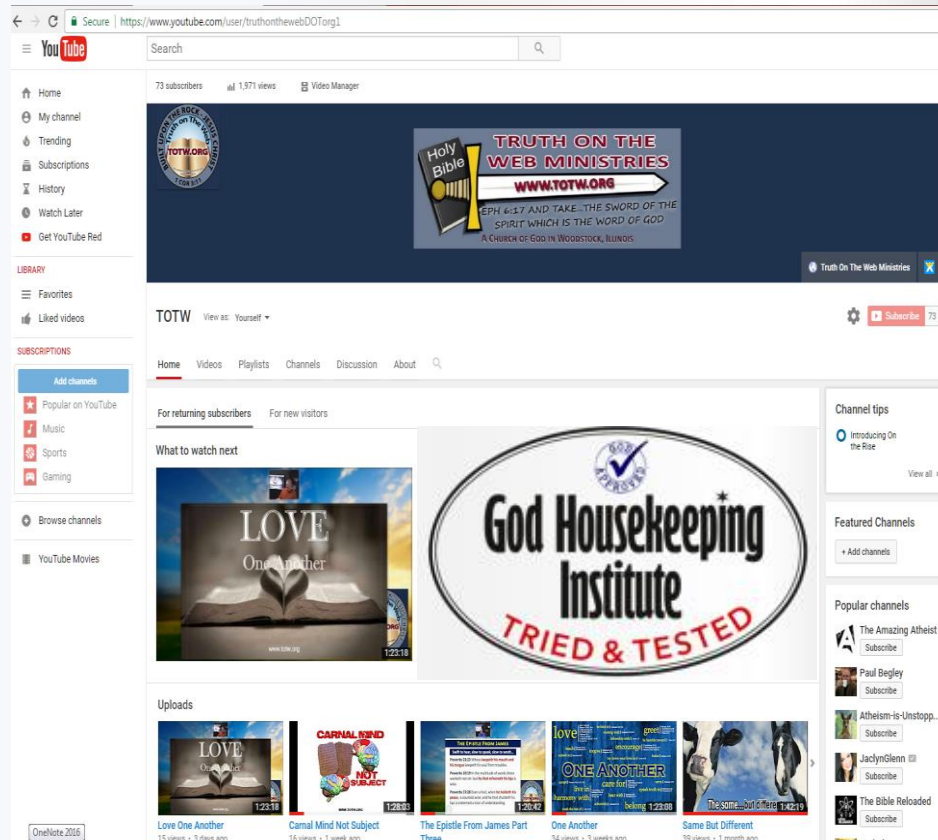
Numbers 11:16-17 And the LORD said unto Moses, **Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them;** and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which *is* upon thee, and will put *it* upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear *it* not thyself alone.

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1 Timothy 3:2-7 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, **apt to teach**; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but **patient**, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) **Not a novice**, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have **a good report of them which are without**; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Titus 1:5-9 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain **elders** in every city, as I had appointed thee: If any be **blameless**, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, **as the steward of God**; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

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THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK & ROD

Okay, You are an Elder. Now What do you do? Here's the short answer from the apostle Peter: "I exhort the elders among you: shepherd God's flock" (1 Pet. 5:2; see also Jn. 21:15-16 and Acts 20:28). Elders serve the Good Shepherd by providing his local flocks with spiritual oversight. Elders feed, lead, protect, and nurture church members like shepherds do with sheep.

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God's Word lists very specific duties that help elders put the shepherding imagery to work.

FIVE PRIMARY DUTIES

Here are five duties that are central to the elder's job description. While this list is not exhaustive, I believe if elders devoted themselves to these five things, they would bless others as their shepherd.

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1. Teach An elder must be “an able teacher” (1 Tim. 3:2; see 5:17). He must hold “to the faithful message as taught, so that he will be able both to encourage with sound teaching and refute those who contradict it” (Tit. 1:9). These feed Jesus’ sheep with Jesus’ word.

Often an elder will find venues for teaching the Bible regularly. They may preach in the congregation, teach a Sabbath school class, lead a group bible study, give a lesson to the youth, or study Scripture with a member or another elder over coffee.



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An Elder will tune in to the church’s overall teaching ministry. They keep a finger on the pulse of what’s being taught through congregational singing or on the church website or booklet curriculum. An Elder should listen closely when members talk about what they’re reading, watching, doing and be alert for rotten food in their spiritual diet.

Teach A Man To Fish. Paul said to Timothy, “What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Tim. 2:2). So bring along an apprentice teacher whenever you can- Making sure they bear the fruits.

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2. Model Most importantly, elders teach and lead -by example. Elders are to provide a scriptural role model and set before the congregation an example of a rightly ordered life with one purpose -- to glorify God. Shepherd the church “not [by] lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock” (1 Pet. 5:3).

Not surprisingly, the New Testament lists of elder qualifications focus predominantly on character (1 Tim. 3:1-7, Tit. 1:5-9; 1 Pet. 5:1-4). An elder’s most basic job is to say “Imitate me as I also imitate Christ” (1 Cor. 11:1).

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The mandate to model maturity carries a critical implication.

Modeling means you must guard your own godliness: “Pay close attention to your life and your teaching” (1 Tim. 4:16).

Continue to live close to the Lord, nurture your wife and children well, resist sin, and love people. Open your life to the loving accountability of the other elders.

Modeling maturity is something for the whole church to embrace.

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BEWARE of those whose **FAITH** is based on their own: **IDEAS, FEELINGS**, and what they **THINK** is right—**RATHER** than on what **GOD'S WORD** says! **TRUST** in **JESUS & GOD'S unfailing WORD!**

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3. Lead -- Just as shepherds lead their flocks, so elders lead local congregations. The biblical writers also call elders “overseers,” a title that highlights their role as leaders (Acts 20:28; 1 Tim. 3:1; Tit. 1:5, 7).

Hebrews instructs Christians to “obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account” (Heb. 13:17).

Elders, be brave and lead your church with confidence in God.

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As you lead, don't lose sight of the destination. The goal isn't to lead a church to become an efficient organization, as important as that may be. **Rather, elders should lead church members toward maturity in Christ.**

Jesus gave teaching shepherds to the church "to build up the body of Christ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, growing into a mature man with a stature measured by Christ's fullness" (Eph. 4:12-13).

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Elders bring the flock to green pastures and still waters when they help members know Jesus more and increasingly reflect his glory together.

4. Pray – Of extreme importance, elders should say, "we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the preaching ministry" (Acts 6:4).

Ultimately elders are powerless in themselves to mature anyone in Christ; only the Holy Spirit can do that through God's Word.

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Elders MUST strive to be men of prayer. Build regular prayer into your daily rhythms. Pray over your church's members during the commute or while you're walking the dog. Carve out time as a council of elders for concerted prayer. Be ever ready to pray in any given situation – trusting in the Lord always. Elders are also to pray for the spiritual and physical well-being of members of the congregation.
Acts 6:2-4, James 5:14-15

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5. MANAGING THE CHURCH OF GOD REMAINING VIGILANT

-- Elders are to oversee the life of the Church. They must be people who can "rule well." *1 Timothy 3, 1 Timothy 5:7, Acts 6:2-3*

■ **Doctrinal Error**

Elders are to confront those who are teaching what they should not teach, refuting those who contradict truth or who are continuing in a pattern of behavior contradictory to biblical truth.

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Thus, elders are to close potential entrances for Satan, so that the truth of Christ will remain credible to both the congregation and the community. *Acts 20:29-31, Titus 1:9*

▪ **Divisiveness**

Elders are to protect the church by interceding in and presiding over issues that could serve to cause disharmony or division within its body of believers. They shall help to mediate resolution for issues handed over for their joint care, consideration and arbitration.

Ephesians 4:3, 1 Corinthians 1:10

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▪ **Discipline**

Elders shall determine and enforce congregational discipline, as mandated and/or supported by Scripture, for the protection of the church and for the personal benefit of those within its body.

1 Corinthians 5:1-13, Matthew 18:15-22

Elders are to exhort the church, which includes providing encouragement, comfort, persuasion, counseling, teaching and accountability. Serving in all humility, elders are to guide, direct, guard and protect the members of the body, seeking to meet their needs and assist in any way possible, warning against harmful influences, and guarding against false teaching. *1 Timothy 3:1-16, Titus 1:5-9*

□ END



Poets' Corner



Its Not Nice (Author Unknown)

Gossip isn't very nice, In fact it's downright mean, To spread a rumor that you've heard, Or something that you've seen, **W**hich causes hurt or heartache, Or pain or misery, And also damages your soul, Once you have set it free.

It isn't nice to tell a lie, Or bear false witness here About a friend or neighbor, Or someone far or near, **O**r even pass on stories Which you may think are true, Because whatever you pass on Will all come back to you.

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Its Not Nice (cont'd)

"Love thy neighbor as thyself," That's what the Savior said, And even "Love your enemies," In scriptures I have read, **A**nd "Do unto others As you would have them do," By keeping gossip to yourself As you your joys pursue.

An idle tongue spreads rumors, And gossip easily, So let us keep it busy, As busy as can be, **B**y sharing truths eternal With everyone we meet, While building castles in the sky To make our joy complete.

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So never ever gossip, For rumors
have a way Of causing hurt or
heartache, No matter what they
say, But let us be a winner By
spreading love and joy With
everyone we chance to meet, For
these will ne'er destroy.

Satan is the author Of gossip, lies
and grief, But Jesus showed the
better way To strengthen our
belief By being nice to others In all
we do and say, And following the
Savior's plan As we God's laws obey.

(See Exodus 20:16)



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- 3. Present Yourself Daily To God** As A Living Sacrifice And Instrument Of Righteousness; Allow God To Arrange And Direct Your Day & Life. (Romans 6:13; 12:1)

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- 4. Search Yourself and Confess Your Sin To God** If You Think You Transgressed His Law In Letter Or Spirit Each Day. (1John1:9, Psalm 139:23-24)
- 5. Pray Without Ceasing** (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- 6. Restore Any Broken Fellowships As Soon As You Can.** (Matthew 6:8-13; Ephesians 4:26; 1 John 1:9)

10 Tips to Possessing Peace that Surpasses Understanding

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Who doesn't want peace? We all do. Yet the world we reside in (and sometimes even our homes) is sometimes chaotic. If Satan doesn't attack us outside our homes then he tries to attack us via our family and members of the church. But our almighty, all loving God has not left us without hope and without help.

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So what exactly is this peace that surpasses understanding? Many do not know how to answer this question. But the answer is found in Jesus as John 16:33 indicates. First, it is strength from God via Jesus. It is being able to remain calm even in the midst of chaos like Jesus was able to do at his trial and crucifixion. It's knowing about evil and its plans but being able to relax anyway by trusting in God and his word. It is being able to walk by faith not by sight. It is being able to choose hope over despair and faith over fear.

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1. Aim to obey God always, in every way. It's the first step on the pathway to peace. (Prov. 1:1-7)
2. Seek and pursue peace with others. (1 Peter 3:11)
3. Remember that Jesus, who can be trusted, said "don't be afraid or let your heart be troubled" for a reason. (John 14:27)
4. Keep in mind that no matter what happens, almighty God will turn it, due to your love for him, into your favor. (Rom. 8:28)

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5. Accept the fact that some people will cause trouble and that not everyone wants peace, as some want their own way instead. (Psalm 120:7)
6. Focus on God's past blessings in your life and his promises--start with those mentioned in this edition. (Psalm 3:5)
7. Always try to assume the best. (Phil. 4:8)
8. Realize that God is in control and will have the final word. (Phil. 4:4) Truly believe in Jesus and His care for you. (1 Cor. 1:3)

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9. Repent and confess if you fall to any sin and know He faithfully forgives you. (1John 1:9)
10. Realize that genuine and complete justice and peace won't be realized until Jesus' second coming. (Rev. 22:1-5)

If you're tense a majority of the time or without serenity, I hope and pray these tips will help you to TRUST. Overall remember this: God is love and he loves you! He is on duty, in charge and in control. So, relax and rest, your Savior never sleeps!

GOOD DEACON, LIGHT BEACON

1 Timothy 3:8-13 Likewise *must* the deacons *be* grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use **the office of a deacon (GR.1247 diakoneo)**, being *found* blameless. Even so *must their wives be* grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

GOD HOUSEKEEPING GOOD DEACON, LIGHT BEACON

When most church folks think of “deacons” we go to Acts 6 with the seven ordained to oversee the ministration to the widows.

Acts 6:2-3 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve **(GR.1247 diakoneo)**, tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

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Let's look at some of the terms related to "deacons" and what that entails.

Strong's Greek Dictionary 1249.
διακονος diakonos dee-ak'-on-os
probably from an obsolete diako
(to run on errands; compare 1377);
an attendant, i.e. (genitive case) **a waiter (at table or in other menial duties); specially, a Christian teacher and pastor (technically, a deacon or deaconess):—**deacon, minister, servant.

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GOOD DEACON, LIGHT BEACON

Matthew 20:26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your **minister**;

Matthew 23:11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your **servant**.

Romans 15:8-9 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* unto the fathers: And that the Gentiles might glorify God for *his* mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.

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GOOD DEACON, LIGHT BEACON

Romans 16:1-2 I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea: That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in **whatsoever business** she hath need of you: for she hath been a **succourer** of many, and of myself also.

2 Corinthians 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

2 Corinthians 11:23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) **I am more**; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

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Ephesians 3:7-8 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, **that I should preach** among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; **Colossians 1:23b** ...the hope of **the gospel**, which ye have heard, *and* which was **preached** to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

1 Timothy 4:6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

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Strong's Greek Dictionary 1247.

διακονεω diakoneo *dee-ak-on-eh'-o*
from 1249; **to be an attendant, i.e. wait upon** (menially or as a host, friend, or (figuratively) teacher); **technically, to act as a Christian deacon:—**(ad-)minister (unto), serve, use the office of a deacon.
Matthew 4:11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and **ministered** unto him.

Matthew 8:15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and **ministered** unto them.

Matthew 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be **ministered** unto, but to **minister**, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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Luke 22:27 For whether *is* greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that **serveth**? *is not* he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that **serveth**.

Acts 6:2-3 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, **It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.** Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may **appoint over this business**.

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Romans 15:25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.

2 Corinthians 8:19-20 And not *that* only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and *declaration of your ready mind*: Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us:

1 Timothy 3:10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being *found* blameless.

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GOOD DEACON, LIGHT BEACON

1 Timothy 3:13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 Peter 4:11 If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God; if any man minister, *let him do it* as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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GOOD DEACON, LIGHT BEACON

Strong's Greek Dictionary 1248.

διακονια diakonia *dee-ak-on-ee'-ah*
from 1249; **attendance** (as a servant,
etc.); figuratively (eleemosynary) **aid**,
(official) **service** (especially of the
Christian teacher, or technically of the
diaconate):—(ad-)minister(-ing, -
tration, -try), office, relief, service(-ing).

Acts 1:17 For he was numbered with
us, and had obtained part of this
ministry.

Acts 1:25 That he may take part of this
ministry and apostleship, from which
Judas by transgression fell, that he
might go to his own place.

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Acts 6:1 And in those days, when the
number of the disciples was multiplied,
there arose a murmuring of the
Grecians against the Hebrews, because
their widows were neglected in the daily
ministration.

Acts 6:4 But we will give ourselves
continually to prayer, and to the
ministry of the word.

Acts 11:29 Then the disciples, every
man according to his ability, determined
to send relief unto the brethren which
dwelt in Judaea:

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Acts 12:25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled *their* ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.

Romans 11:13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

Romans 15:31 That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I *have* for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints;

1 Corinthians 12:5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

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2 Corinthians 5:18 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

2 Corinthians 9:12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

2 Corinthians 9:13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal distribution unto them, and unto all *men*;

2 Corinthians 11:8 I robbed other churches, taking wages *of them*, to do you service. (appears twice)

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GOOD DEACON, LIGHT BEACON

1 Timothy 1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me (Paul) into the ministry;

2 Timothy 4:5 But watch thou (Timothy) in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Revelation 2:19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to *be* more than the first.

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Jeremiah 29:11

God declares
I think of you
and
I have plans
for you
prosperity
and a
future filled
with hope

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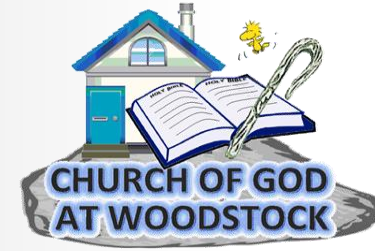
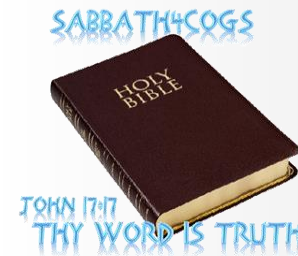
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Galatians 5:13-14 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.