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Around Dallas, the Church Scandals Seem to Have No End

In this part of Texas, a pastor with a clean reputation is not to be taken for granted.

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¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ^{…17} The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.

2 PETER 2

² Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute.
 ³ In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories.

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

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41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.





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ELDERS

(Overseers Or pastors) SERVANTS (Gr. Deacons)

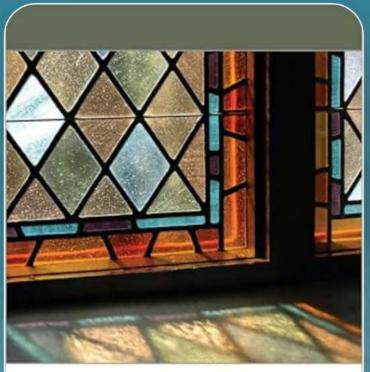
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40 QUESTIONS ABOUT Elders and Deacons

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FIRST QUESTION

Right Structure?

¹ In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.



² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables."



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SECOND QUESTION

Right People?

Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom.
 We will turn this responsibility over to them
 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."



⁵ This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.



⁶ They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.



⁷ So the word of God spread.
The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.



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WHO?

Full of the Holy Spirit & Wisdom

Wisdom
Direction
Provision
Forgiveness

HOLY SPIRIT Reactive
Controlling
Greedy
Bitter

SELF

Load-bearing pillars carry the weight of a structure and transfer it to the foundation.

Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task.



² Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.



⁴ He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. ⁵ (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)



6 He must not be a recent convert,
 or he may become conceited
 and fall under the same judgment as the devil.

 7 He must also have a good reputation
 with outsiders, so that he will not fall
 into disgrace and into the devil's trap.



8 In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain.
9 They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience.



¹¹ In the same way, the women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything.



12 A deacon must be faithful to his wife and must manage his children and his household well.

13 Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.



Are You Seeking INTIMACY WITH GOD?

THIRD QUESTION

Right Accountability?

17 The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.



¹⁸ For Scripture says, "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages."



¹⁹ Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses.



²⁰ But those elders who are sinning you are to reprove before everyone, so that the others may take warning.



I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism.



Are You Resisting ACCOUNTABILITY?

TRUSTWORTHY SERVANTS

The Pillars of the Kingdom



SIGNS OF A TRUSTWORTHY SERVANT







