

**WANTED:**  
**GOOD MEN FOR A GOOD WORK**

**TITUS 1:5-9**

**1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7**

## Titus 1:5-9

*For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should **set in order** the things that are **lacking** (**KJV wanting**), and **appoint elders** in every city as I commanded you — if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. For 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, but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, 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.*

# WANTED

- **Luke 18:22** *You are lacking one thing*
- **Titus 3:13** *send them so they lack nothing*
- **James 1:4-5** *Let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If anyone lacks wisdom, he must ask God*
- **James 2:15-16** *If a brother or sister is...destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?*

# Good Men

- **Micah 6:8**
- **James 3:13-18** wisdom from above
- **context of religious leaders 1:26-27,22-25;  
2:1-13,14-26; 3:1-12**
- **Acts 20:28** *Holy Spirit made you overseers*
- **Romans 8:1-2; Gal. 5:22-23; 2 Cor. 3:18**
- **Matthew 5:3-16** character → **influence**
- **2 Peter 1:5-11** *virtue, knowledge, self-control, patience, godliness, love*

## Good Speech—James 1:19-21,26

- **Proverbs 11:13** *A talebearer reveals secrets, but he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.*
- **15:1** *a soft answer turns away wrath*
- **15:28** *the righteous studies how to answer*
- **15:31** *the ear that hears the rebukes of life will abide among the wise*
- **17:27** *He who has knowledge spares his words, and a man of understanding is of a calm spirit.*

# Good Speech

- **18:2** *A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart.*
- **18:5** *...not good to show partiality to the wicked, or to overthrow the righteous in judgment*
- **18:13** *He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him.*
- **18:17** *The first one to plead his cause seems right, until his neighbor comes and examines him.*

# Good Speech

- **19:11** *The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, and his glory is to overlook a transgression.*
- **22a** *What is desired in a man is kindness*
- **20:3** *It is honorable for a man to stop striving, since any fool can start a quarrel.*
- **20:5** *Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out.*

# Good Speech

- **20:7** *The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.*
- **25:11** *A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.*
- **25:15** *By long forbearance a ruler is persuaded, and a gentle tongue breaks a bone.*
- **25:26** *A righteous man who falters before the wicked is like a murky spring and a polluted well.*



# Good Speech

- **25:28** *Whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls.*
- **26:4-5** *Do not answer a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like him. Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes.*
- **26:17** *He who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own is like one who takes a dog by the ears.*

# Good Speech

- **27:9** *Ointment and perfume delight the heart, and the sweetness of a man's friend gives delight by hearty counsel.*
- **27:21** *The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, and a man is valued by what others say of him.*
- **28:25** *He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife, but he who trusts in the Lord will be prospered.*

# Good Speech

- **28:26** *He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but whoever walks wisely will be delivered.*
- **29:12** *If a ruler pays attention to lies, all his servants become wicked.*
- **29:20** *Do you see a man hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.*
- **29:25** *The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.*

# The Good Work

- **1 Timothy 3:1** *This is a **faithful saying**: If a man desires the position of a **bishop** (**overseer**), he desires a **good work...take care** of the church of **God v.5***
- **Hebrews 13:17** ***Obey** those who rule over **you**, and be submissive, for **they watch out** for **your souls**, as those who must give account.*
- **1 Peter 5:1-4**

## The Good Work—1 Peter 5:1-4

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

