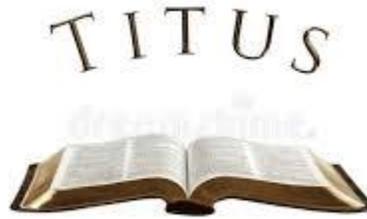




## THE NEGATIVE



***“<sup>5</sup> 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— <sup>6</sup>if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation(riot) or insubordination (unruly). <sup>7</sup>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, <sup>8</sup>but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, <sup>9</sup>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.”***

***Set in order the things that are lacking...***

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**Vision for 2026      Chart    building relationships, not programs**

**Women’s- Titus 2-**

**Men’s- Titus 2-**

**Youth & Teens-**

**Family ministry including senior ministry**

**Mission’s team-**

**Prayer team-    week of fasting**

**People are stepping up! I am recharged after the dream night.**

**Prayer**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Christian character qualities to acquire</li><li>✓ Present tense on all of these qualifications</li></ul> |
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✓ No one is perfect in all of these areas

Today what to avoid

Next week- What to possess

Next- the importance of sound doctrine

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Marriage conference

Fierce marriage reset- 10 weeks

## As a steward of God

1 Peter 4:10- **“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”**

The overseer as "God's steward" does not own the church or the people of the church. But he is in charge of their spiritual nourishment, growth and behavior. God's steward must see that the household of God is cared for and looked after and that their energies and lives are directed to the will of the Master. The steward must do the will of the Master, carrying out His Word without any deviation whatsoever.

III. Not the way it was scenario

III.- Lead- Paul Tripp **pages 38-39**

✓ **Not self willed**

**Selfish**



αὐθάδης authádēs, ow-thad'-ace; from [G846](#) and the base of [G2237](#); self-pleasing, i.e. arrogant:—self-willed.

“Not one who is determined to have his own way in every thing; setting up his own judgment to that of all others; expecting all to pay homage to his understanding.”  
(Clarke)

not self-pleased (YLT)

not overbearing (NIV)

not be arrogant (NLT)

not headstrong (Darby)

must not be bossy (CEV)

not pushing himself forward (BBE)

must not be aggressive (Phillips)

must not be obstinately self-willed (Barclay)

not over-fond of having his own way (Weymouth)

not self-willed or arrogant or presumptuous (Amp)

English word = "hedonist") is literally delighting one's self and describes a man who has a self loving, self seeking spirit, who is so pleased with himself that nothing else pleases him and he cares to please nobody. He is preoccupation with his own interests. His is so dominated by self-interest and lack of consideration of others, that he arrogantly asserts his own will He is self-satisfied, self-centered, self-complacent, arrogant, proud, haughty, stubborn, willful, inflexible, presumptuous, unaccommodating, harsh, despising others, dictatorial, dogmatic, impatient of contradiction, and unyielding. In his self-loving spirit, he seeks only to gratify self and is regardless of others.

**Narcissist- - an extremely self-centered person who has an exaggerated sense of self-importance**

“and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. *They are* presumptuous, **self-willed**. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries,” 2 Peter 2:10

## ✓ **Not quick tempered**

## **Angry**



prone to anger, irascible

Not quick-tempered: The ancient Greek word used here (*orgilos*) actually refers more to a *settled state of anger* than the flash of an occasional bad temper. It speaks of a man who has a constant simmering anger and who nourishes his anger against others — close to the idea of a *bitter* man.

irritable (GWT)

not quickly moved to wrath or blows (BBE)

not... hot-tempered (Phillips)

must not be an angry man (Barclay)

not a man of a passionate temper (Weymouth)

**not soon angry** (KJV)

not "irascible" (marked by hot temper and easily provoked anger) (Vincent)

- ([Proverbs 14:17](#); [15:18](#); [16:32](#); [17:14](#) [Eccl 7:9](#); [James 1:19, 20](#))

As Paul wrote to Timothy (who was probably overseeing" the Ephesian church) "the Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome. (see [2 Timothy 2:24](#), [25](#) [Ephesians 4:26](#))

Some people live in constant anger. Why?

- ⇒ Discontent- don't like their circumstances
- ⇒ Being wronged- and becoming bitter- unforgiving
- ⇒ Disobedient
- ⇒ Judgmental and critical of others- see the negative in everything

**GET HAPPY!!**

***"I think we would all be better of if we...turned off social media, opened our Bibles, got on our knees and kept ourselves busy with kingdom work."***

✓ **Not given to wine**

**Impulsive**



**πάροινος pároinos, par'-oy-nos; from [G3844](#) and [G3631](#); staying near wine, i.e. tippling (a toper):—given to wine.**

must not drink too much (GWT)

must not be a heavy drinker (NLT)

not... over fond of wine (Phillips)

must not be given to drunken and outrageous conduct (Barclay)

nor a hard drinker (Weymouth)

not present at wine (Hiebert)

**Proverbs 20:1- Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.**

A believer should "not get drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be (continually) filled with the Spirit" so that he be able to speak to others "in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. [Ephesians 5:18, 19](#)

✓ **Not violent**

**Violent**

I. bruiser, ready for a blow

II. a pugnacious, contentious, quarrelsome person

**πλήκτης pléktēs, plake'-tace; from [G4141](#); a smiter, i.e. pugnacious (quarrelsome):—striker.**

be a violent person (GWT)

**no striker (KJV)**



bullies (CEV)

he must not be a man ready to come to blows (Barclay)

**Pugnacious** (4131) (**plektes** from **plesso** = to strike) is literally a striker (one who hits another with force), a fist fighter and figuratively one who is a violent, contentious and quarrelsome.

**Ill.-** meet in the graveyard

The Greeks widened the meaning to include not only physical violence, but also "violence" in speech so that **plektes** came to mean one who "browbeats" others.

✓ **Not greedy for money**

**Greedy**



eager for base gain, greedy for money

αἰσχροκερδής **aischrokerdés**, **ahee-skhrok-er-dace'**; from **G150** and κέρδος **kérdos (gain)**; **sordid:—given to (greedy of) filthy lucre.**

must not use shameful ways to make money (GWT)

**not given to filthy lucre** (KJV)

not pursuing dishonest gain (NIV)

not greedy for money (NKJV)

he must not be a person who always tries to get rich by cheating people (ICB)

dishonest in business (CEV)

he must not be a seeker of gain in disgraceful ways (Barclay)

he must not be grasping and greedy for filthy lucre (financial gain) (Amp)

not eager for shameful gain (Hiebert)

not greedy of shameful gain (Robertson)

Plutarch (Plue' tark) said that Cretans stuck to money like bees to honey. The Cretans counted material gain far above honesty and honor. If an overseers main aim in life is

to amass material things, irrespective of how he does so, is not fit to be an office-bearer of the Christian Church. (Barclay)

**For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.- 1 Timothy 6:10**

**No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”- Luke 16:13**

**<sup>19</sup>“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.- Matthew 6:19-21**

**<sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”- Hebrews 13:5**

Peter instructs leaders "<sup>2</sup>Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; <sup>3</sup>nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; <sup>4</sup>and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away." ([1 Peter 5:2-](#))

Paul warned Timothy of the arrival in the church of "useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a *means of* gain. From such withdraw yourself." ([1 Timothy 6:5](#))

A worthy overseer must be able to say with Paul: “I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. 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.’ . ([Acts 20:33-35](#))

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Is God developing qualities in your life that include what you are not?

