

Manners of Men to Serving in the Ministry

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I. The Need for Ministry

Ephesians 4:11-13 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Romans 10:13-15 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Let us take a look at the Apostle Paul's list of qualifications or characteristics that a man should possess to serve as a minister of Jesus Christ.

I Timothy 3:1-7 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. 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. 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, being found blameless.

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. For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

- II. Paul states the office which he is describing is for that of a "**Bishops, Deacons and Elders**". During the course of this study, I have referred to a Greek transliteration to find the original Greek words used by the author. (In many cases, there are several words with different meanings in the Greek language that had all been translated as a single word in the English

language.) Using a *Strong's Concordance and Dictionary* we shall look up the exact Greek word used and its individual meaning. This should help those of us who do not speak Greek have a clearer understanding of what the author was trying to say to his audience. I have also included scriptures that give clarity to Paul's words and give additional witness to the truthfulness.

A. Bishop

- ◆ **1 Timothy 3:1** Paul uses the Greek word, “**episcopo**”
 - a) Greek: *episcopo* - Strong's number: 1984 *Pronunciation: ep-is-kop-ay'*
by implication, superintendence;
- ◆ **1 Timothy 3:2** Paul uses the Greek word “**episkopos**”
 - a) Greek: *episkopos* - Strong's number: 1985 - *Pronunciation: ep-is'-kop-os*
a superintendent, Christian officer in genitive case charge of a (or the) church, overseer.
- ◆ The Greek word, “**Episkopos**” was also used in Acts 20 and translated as “**Overseers**”
Acts 20:28 Take therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers <*episkopos*>, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

B. Elders (*presbuteros*)

- a) Greek: *presbuteros* - Strong's number: 4245 - *Pronunciation: pres-boo'-ter-os*
older; as noun, a senior; specifically, an Israelite Sanhedrist (also figuratively, member of the celestial council) or Christian presbyter:

C. Deacons (*diakonos*)

- a) Greek: *diakonos* - Strong's number: 1249 - *Pronunciation: dee-ak'-on-os*
an attendant, i.e. a waiter (at table or in other menial duties); specially, a Christian teacher and pastor.

As we can see from this examination, Paul is talking about the entire scope of the ministry.

III. Now let us closely examine these characteristics for a minister. I have placed the original Greek word in parentheses () for closer examination when needed to explore the exact message Paul was trying to say.

1) **BLAMELESS** (*anepileptos*)

- a) Greek: *anepileptos* - Strong's number: 423 - *Pronunciation: an-ep-eel'-ape-tos*
*not arrested, unrebukeable, inculpable:(BEMc- *incupable* means: not guilty, not to be blamed, not in the wrong, and not responsible for negative actions).*
- ◆ **1 Thessalonians 2:10-13** *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.*
- ◆ **Daniel 6:1-4** *It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom; And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage. Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an*

excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

2) **THE HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE**

♦ **Matthew 19:4-5** And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain (*duo*) shall be one flesh?

a) Greek: *duo* - Strong's number: 1417 - Pronunciation: doo'-o
a primary numeral; two.

♦ **Jacob 2:36-37** Wherefore, my brethren, hear me, and hearken to the word of the Lord: For there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have none: For I, the Lord God, delighteth in the chastity of women. And whoredoms are an abomination before me: thus saith the Lord of hosts.

3) **VIGILANT** (*nephaleos*),

a) Greek: *nephaleos* - Strong's number: 3524 - Pronunciation: nay-fal'-eh-os -
circumspect (BEMc – *circumspect* means: careful to consider all related circumstances before acting, judging, or deciding; cautious; careful)

4) **SOBER** (*sophron*)

a) Greek: *sophron* - Strong's number: 4998 - Pronunciation: so'-frone
safe or sound in mind, i.e. self-controlled, moderate as to opinion or passion, sober, temperate, discreet (BEMc – *discreet* means: subtle, unobtrusive, tasteful, restrained).

♦ **Philippians 4:5** Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

5) **OF GOOD BEHAVIOUR** (*kosmios*)

a) Greek: *kosmios* - Strong's number: 2887 - Pronunciation: kos'-mee-os
orderly, modest, decorous (BEMc – *decorous* means: proper, respectable, well-mannered, well behaved, restrained, modest):

♦ **Ephesians 4:22-23** That ye put off concerning the former conversation (*anastrophe*) the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

a) Greek: *anastrophe* - Strong's number: 391 - Pronunciation: an-as-trof-ay' -
behavior.

♦ **Philippians 1:27** Only let your conversation (*politeuomai*) be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

a) Greek: *politeuomai* - Strong's number: 4176 - Pronunciation: pol-it-yoo'-om-ahee
to behave as a citizen

6) **GIVEN TO HOSPITALITY** (*philoxenos*),

- a) Greek: *philoxenos* - Strong's number: 5382 - Pronunciation: fil-ox'-en-os
fond of guests
- 7) **APT** (*didaktikos*) **TO TEACH** (*didaktikos*);
a) Greek: *didaktikos*-Strong's number: 1317 -Pronunciation: did-ak-tik-os'
instructive
- ◆ **2 Timothy 4:2** Preach the word; be instant in season, (*eukairos*) out of season (*akairos*);
reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
a) Greek: *eukairos* - Strong's number: 2121- -Pronunciation: yoo'-kahee-ros –
well-timed, i.e. opportune: -convenient, in time of need.
b) Greek: *akairos* - Strong's number: 171 - Pronunciation: ak-ah'-ee-roce
adverb from the same as 170; inopportune: --out of season.
 - ◆ **Alma 16:120-121** Now this was according to the prayer of Alma; and this because he
prayed in faith. And it came to pass that they did go forth, and began to preach the word of
God unto the people, entering into their synagogues, and into their houses; yea, and even
they did preach the word in their streets.
- 8) **NOT GIVEN** (*paroinos*) **TO WINE** (*paroinos*) *In the book of Titus 1:7 reads the same as Timthoy,*
however there is a slight difference in ITimothy 3:8 which states: NOT GIVEN (prosecho)
TO MUCH (*polus*) **WINE** (*oinos*)
a) Greek: *paroinos* - Strong's number: 3943 - Pronunciation: par'-oy-nos
staying near wine, i.e. tippling (a toper): --given to wine.
b) Greek: *parecho* - Strong's number: 3930 - Pronunciation: par-ekh'-o
to hold near, i.e. present, afford, exhibit, furnish occasion: --bring, do, give, keep, minister, offer,
shew, trouble.
c) Greek: *polus* -Strong's number: 4183 - Pronunciation: pol-oos'
much, many, largely; often, mostly, abundant, altogether, common, be of a great deal, long,
many, much, often, plenteous, sore.
d) Greek: *oinos*- Strong's number: 3631- Pronunciation: oy'-nos
wine (literally or figuratively)
- 9) **NOT A STRIKER** (*plektes*),
a) Greek: *plektes*- Strong's number: 4131 - Pronunciation: plake'-tace
a smiter, i.e. pugnacious (quarrelsome):
- 10) **NOT GREEDY** (*aphilarguros*) **OF FILTHY LUCRE** (*aphilarguros*). And also he says to the deacons -
NOT GREEDY (*aischrokerdes*) **OF FILTHY LUCRE** (*aischrokerdes*)
a) Greek: *aphilarguros* - Strong's number: 866 -Pronunciation: af-il-ar'-goo-ros
without covetousness, (BEMc – covetousness means: desirous of the possessions of another.)
unavaricious (BEMc- unavaricious means not desiring or greedy for wealth or gain)
b) Greek: *aischrokerdes* - Stongs number: 146 - Pronunciation: ahee-skhrok-er-dace'
from Strong's *kerdos* (gain); sordid: (BEMc – sordid means: filthy or dirty)
- ◆ **Mosiah 9:57-59** And he also commanded them that the priests, whom he had ordained,
should labor with their own hands for their support; And there was one day in every week
that was set apart that they should gather themselves together to teach the people, and to
worship the Lord their God, and also as often as it was in their power, to assemble
themselves together. And the priests were not to depend upon the people for their support;

but for their labor they were to receive the grace of God, that they might wax strong in the Spirit, having the knowledge of God, that they might teach with power and authority from God.

- ◆ **Acts 20:33-34** I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.
- ◆ **1 Thessalonians 2:9** 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.
- ◆ **2 Corinthians 12:13-19** For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except it be that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong. Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved. But be it so, I did not burden you: nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile. Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you? I desired Titus, and with him I sent a brother. Did Titus make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit? walked we not in the same steps? Again, think ye that we excuse ourselves unto you? we speak before God in Christ: but we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying.
- ◆ **John 10:11-13** I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, (*misthotos*) and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.
a) Greek: *misthotos* - Strong's number: 3411 - Pronunciation: mis-tho-tos'
a wage-worker (good or bad):

11) **PATIENT** (*epieikes*)

a) Greek: *epieikes* – Strong's number: 1933 - Pronunciation: ep-ee-i-kace'
appropriate, implies mild: --gentle, moderation.

- ◆ **Alma 10:28** But that ye would humble yourselves before the Lord, and call on his holy name, and watch and pray continually that ye may not be tempted above that which ye can bear, and thus be led by the Holy Spirit, becoming humble, meek, submissive, patient, full of love and all long suffering; having faith on the Lord;
- ◆ **Ecclesiastes 7:8-9** Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

12) **NOT A BRAWLER** (*amachos*)

a) Greek: *amachos* - Strong's number: 269 - Pronunciation: am'-akh-os
peaceable

- ◆ **James 3:16-18** For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

- ◆ **Moroni 7:3-4** Wherefore I would speak unto you that are of the church, that are the peaceable followers of Christ, and that have obtained a sufficient hope, by which ye can enter into the rest of the Lord, from this time henceforth, until ye shall rest with him in heaven. And now my brethren, I judge these things of you because of your peaceable walk with the children of men; for I remember the word of God, which saith, By their works ye shall know them; for if their works be good, then they are good also.
 - ◆ **Mosiah 2:24** And ye will not have a mind to injure one another, but to live peaceably, and to render to every man according to that which is his due.
 - ◆ **Matthew 7:12** Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.
- 13) **NOT COVETOUS** (*aphilarguros*)
- a) a) Greek: *aphilarguros* - Strong's number: 866 -Pronunciation: af-il-ar'-goo-ros
 (BEMc note- same word used in #10 – not greedy for filthy lucre) without covetousness,
 (BEMc – covetousness means: desirous of the possessions of another.); unavaricious (BEMc- unavaricious means not desiring or greedy for wealth or gain)
- ◆ **Ephesians 5:5** For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.
- 14) **RULETH** (*proistemi*) **WELL HIS OWN HOUSE, HAVING HIS CHILDREN IN SUBJECTION.** *In the book of Titus it states; FAITHFUL CHILDREN NOT ACCUSED OF RIOT OR UNRULY*
- a) Greek: *archo* - Strong's number: 757 - Pronunciation: ar'-kho
 to be first (in political rank or power): --reign (rule) over.
- ◆ **Mosiah 2:25-27** And ye will not suffer your children, that they go hungry, or naked; Neither will ye suffer that they transgress the laws of God, and fight and quarrel one with another, and serve the devil, who is the master of sin, or who is the evil spirit which hath been spoken of by our fathers; he being an enemy to all righteousness; But ye will teach them to walk in the ways of truth and soberness; ye will teach them to love one another, and to serve one another;
- 15) **GRAVITY** (*semnotes*)
- a) Greek: *semnotes* - Strong's number: 4587 - Pronunciation: sem-not'-ace
 honesty, venerableness (BEMc- *venerableness* means: commanding respect by virtue of age, dignity, character, or position and worthy of reverence, especially by religious or historical association:
- 16) **NOT A NOVICE** (*neophutos*),
- a) Greek: *neophutos* - Strong's number: 3504 - Pronunciation: neh-of'-oo-tos
 newly planted, a young convert (neophyte):
- ◆ **II Timothy 2:15** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
 - ◆ **Alma 12:4-5** For they were men of a sound understanding, and they had searched the scriptures diligently, that they might know the word of God. But this is not all: they had given themselves to much prayer, and fasting, therefore they had the spirit of prophecy, and the spirit of revelation, and when they taught, they taught with power and authority, even as with the power and authority of God.

- ◆ **Book of Commandments 10:10** Behold this is your work, to keep the commandments: Yea with all your might, mind and strength: seek not to declare my word, but first seek to obtain my word, and then shall your tongues be loosed; then, if you desire you shall have my Spirit, and my word: Yea, the power of God unto the convincing of men: but now hold your peace; study my word which shall come forth among the children of men;...(BEMc – this is a revelation and instruction given to the men of the early church, in Harmony Pennsylvania, May 1829.)

17) (Humble) - BEING LIFTED UP WITH PRIDE (*tuphoo*) HE FALL INTO THE CONDEMNATION OF THE DEVIL.

- a) Greek: *tuphoo* - Strong's number: 5187 -Pronunciation: toof-o'-o
to inflate with self-conceit: -high-minded, be lifted up with pride, be proud.
- ◆ **Philippians 2:5-8** Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- ◆ **Ether 5:28** I give unto men weakness, that they may be humble; and my grace is sufficient for all men that humble themselves before me; for if they humble themselves before me, and have faith in me, then will I make weak thing become strong unto them.
- ◆ **Romans 12:3-4** For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly (*hyperphroneo*) than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:
 - a) Greek: *hyperphroneo* - Strong's number: 5252 -Pronunciation: hoop-er-fron-eh'-o
to esteem oneself overmuch, i.e. be vain or arrogant:
- ◆ **Mark 12:38-40** And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces, And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts: Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.
- ◆ **Matthew 23:12** And whosoever shall exalt (*hupsoo*) himself shall be abased (*tapeinoo*) and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.
 - a) Greek: *tapeinoo* - Strong's number: 5013 -Pronunciation: tap-i-no'-o
to depress; figuratively, to humiliate (in condition or heart): - bring low,
 - b) Greek: *hupsoo* - Strong's number: 5312 -Pronunciation: hoop-so'-o
to elevate (literally or figuratively): --exalt, lift up.
- ◆ **1Peter 5:5-6** Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt (*hupsoo*) you in due time:
 - a) Greek: *hupsoo* - Strong's number: 5312 -Pronunciation: hoop-so'-o
to elevate (literally or figuratively): --exalt, lift up.

18) HAVE A GOOD REPORT (*marturia*) OF THEM WHICH ARE WITHOUT

- a) Greek: *marturia* - Strong's number: 3141 - Pronunciation: mar-too-ree'-ah
evidence given, --record, report, testimony, witness.

- ◆ **Proverbs 22:1** A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.
- ◆ **Ecclesiastes 7:1** A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

19) **NOT DOUBLETONGUED** (*dilogos*)

a) Greek: *dilogos*- Strong's number: 1351 - Pronunciation: dil'-og-os

equivocal, (BEMc – *equivocal* means: telling a different story Open to two or more interpretations and often intended to mislead)

- ◆ **2 Corinthians 3:12** Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:
- ◆ **2 Nephi 11:7-11** For behold, my soul delighteth in plainness unto my people, that they may learn; Yea, and my soul delighteth in the words of Isaiah, for I came out from Jerusalem, and mine eyes hath beheld the things of the Jews, and I know that the Jews do understand the things of the prophets, and there is none other people that understand the things which were spoken unto the Jews, like unto them, save it be that they are taught after the manner of the things of the Jews. But behold, I, Nephi, have not taught my children after the manner of the Jews; but behold, I, of myself, have dwelt at Jerusalem, wherefore I know concerning the regions round about; And I have made mention unto my children concerning the judgments of God, which hath come to pass among the Jews, unto my children, according to all that which Isaiah hath spoken, and I do not write them. But behold, I proceed with mine own prophecy, according to my plainness; in the which I know that no man can err;
- ◆ **2 Nephi 13:3-5** Wherefore the things which I have written, sufficeth me, save it be a few words which I must speak, concerning the doctrine of Christ; wherefore I shall speak unto you plainly, according to the plainness of my prophesying. For my soul delighteth in plainness: for after this manner doth the Lord God work among the children of men. For the Lord God giveth light unto the understanding: for he speaketh unto men according to their language, unto their understanding.

20) **HOLDING THE MYSTERY** (*musterion*) **OF THE FAITH** (*pistis*) **IN A PURE** (*katharos*) **CONSCIENCE** (*suneidesis*)

a) Greek: *musterion* Strong's number: 3466 -Pronunciation: moos-tay'-ree-on

to shut the mouth); a secret or mystery (through the idea of silence imposed by initiation into religious rites):

b) Greek: *pistis*- Strong's number: 4102 - Pronunciation: pis'-tis

persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself: --assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

c) Greek: *katharos* - Strong's number: 2513 -Pronunciation: kath-ar-os'

of uncertain affinity; clean, clear, pure.

d) Greek: *suneidesis* - Strong's number: 4893 -Pronunciation: soon-i'-day-sis

co- perception, i.e. moral consciousness: -- (BEMc -consciousness means The awareness of a moral or ethical aspect to one's conduct together with the urge to prefer right over wrong)

21) **NOT SELFWILLED** (*authades*)

a) Greek: *authades* - Strong's number: 829 - Pronunciation: ow-thad'-ace

self-pleasing, arrogant (BEMc- *arrogant* means disposed to make claims to unwarranted importance or consideration out of overbearing pride.)

- ◆ **2 Corinthians 10:12-13** For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.

22) **NOT SOON** (*orgilos*) **ANGRY** (*orgilos*)

a) Strong's number: 3711 Greek: *orgilos* - Pronunciation: org-ee'-los

irascible: (BEMc – *irascible* means: Prone to outbursts of temper; easily angered)

- ◆ **James 1:19-20** Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

23) **JUST** (*dikaios*)

a) Greek: *dikaios* - Strong's number: 1342 - Pronunciation: dik'-ah-yos

equitable (BEMc- equitable means : The state, quality, or ideal of being just, impartial, and fair)

24) **HOLY** (*hosios*)

a) Greek: *hosios* - Strong's number: 3741 -Pronunciation: hos'-ee-os

properly, right, to purity from defilement, hallowed (pious, sacred, sure):

25) **TEMPERATE** (*egkrates*)

a) Greek: *egkrates* - Strong's number: 1468 -Pronunciation: eng-krat-ace'

strong in a thing (masterful), i.e. (figuratively and reflexively) self-controlled (in appetite, etc.)

- ◆ **2 Peter 1:4-7** Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.
- ◆ **1 Corinthians 9:25** And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

26) **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 GAINSAVERS** (*antilego*)

a) Greek *antilego* - Strong's number: 483 - Pronunciation: an-til'-eg-o. – to dispute, refuse: contradict, deny, speak against.)

- ◆ **2 Tim 2:6** The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.
- ◆ **1 Cor 9:9-14** For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless

we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

- ◆ **Rom 2:18-23** And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law; And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness, An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law. Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?

Summery:

Matthew 9:37-38 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.