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So, in first, Timothy 3 and where we are heading is likewise deacons. Must be Reverent not double tongued. Not given to much wine, not greedy for money. Holding the mystery of the faith of the pure conscience.

Etc. Until the The end of verse 13. But one of the things that we noted last week, Is that? The qualifications for the deacon have overlap with the qualifications of the elder, Qualifications of the overseer. And that's one of the things that That helps us see. Not only that.

It is. An office of authority. Uh, like the elders office was like overseers. Office was, which, of course we saw an act six and And other places. But that it is the lord in whom we are trusting to do this work in each of us. Who has decided to do that work by.

By this method. By the use of elders by the use of deacons. Particularly. Uh, by the use of his Of his word. Ministered by the. By the eldership in particular. And held to. And applied in the Negan's own life, and then, That he can helping us. Uh, make application of it in what we do in earthly things as well.

Uh, so we began last week hearing. About the The good work. The. Beneficial labor. Than an overseer is to do and therefore the good man. Then an overseer is to be. And we saw that, especially in verse two Well, in scripture. As most of, you know, and as the children i hope our learning.

Uh, growing in the lord. Jesus christ. Always has putting off and putting on. Bound together, if you try to put off sin without Putting on godliness and your flesh. Will automatically fill in. What a what it whatever is. Whatever room have thought and desire and heart. And so, And if you try to, Put on godliness.

Put on love for the lord. Obeying him and serving him without putting off sin. Uh, then you're acting quite foolishly and Not remembering what we've been learning in the midweek sermons, that the flesh lost against the spirit, the flesh, strives and desires, and labors and fights. Uh, wars against Uh, the spirit and so if you want to grow in grace, it is necessary.

That you put off. Uh, the works of the flesh. And as you depend upon, well, you depend upon the word for that as well. Uh, but as you depend upon the spirit to produce to cultivate his fruit, In you, those two go together. Uh, we saw it. A theologically spiritually.

A few times recently in the Romans preaching. But you can see it in like specific details. Especially in relations, chapter 5. Well then it's not surprising that the lord who we want to do that work in us. Help us with the putting off and help us with the putting on.

And has done that work in others, whom he is going to use the lead us. That he should also describe their character in terms of what he has. Uh, sustain them and putting on. And that's the stuff last week. In verse 2. And then, And putting off. In verse 3.

And lord willing will. Will also come to versus four through seven. And talk about the The spheres, the arenas. The ways in which the lord has. Um, Proven her son. The genuineness

and and the quality. Of his work in these men. So what mustn't? The overseer the The elder the pastor.

What must and tb in the first thing that we see in verse 3 is, he's not given to wine. It actually takes The word actually takes preposition. That we have. Perhaps you remember, we refer to the The holy spirit as a paraclete or the one who has a long side para cleat called.

Called alongside us for everything that we need him to be. And it's a good reminder, because often Some form of that word will be used of the christians to each other. And a verb form of that word will be used. Of how we relate to each other, and depending on context.

You might see encourage, or help, or rebuke or comfort. And it's all Is all that same word well we're grateful that the holy spirit is always alongside us, but the overseer must not be someone who has wine always alongside him. So, Uh, so he's not someone who i think our translation is given to wine.

Uh, he He's not someone who is always. Attended. By, why needs wine? To operate as always indulging himself. Uh in it. And there's always can is therefore controlled by it to some extent. Now, this doesn't just apply to wine. Any sort of self-indulgence and especially those self-indulgences that tend to take control of a man.

Uh, For, for instance, You know, i don't have to do more than this. For you guys to Uh, to understand that there are Uh, there are things and people's lives. That's tend to take over. And, That is always alongside them. And Begins to control how they think. And Uh, no, we just heard last time that we are to be.

Self-controlled people, save reminded So reminded people. People who? Who are controlled through the mind, and the heart. By the lord. And so that's not given to wine. Uh, does have more application than just one but certainly Uh, someone who Uh, who has always attended? By alcohol, cannot Um, relaxed, without it, cannot be happy without it, lord's, given it to us for for many good things.

Relaxation. And joy, and fellowship and celebration. And Recently, just You know, it went through and looked at a A bunch of these texts. Particularly, as, as relates to the Lord's supper, it's a good creature of god. It's not even like the device that i've itself just held up, which can be a good servant as a horrible master your telephone Um, can be a good servant.

Um, But for For our purposes. Not someone who. His more attended by wine. Uh, so to speak them. Than the spirit. Uh, not violent. The word for force here, doesn't necessarily mean physical. Uh, but the idea is that this is someone who forces the way that he gets things done.

And certainly, Uh, with with a man who often. So, it's Uh, Weather in his home or with other men. May have. A strength of body or at least. Uh, aggressiveness of body. Uh, not even necessarily strength, a lot of bullies are not really Particularly strong. Um, Then then yes, it does.

Absolutely apply to physical force. Uh, but it It also applies to, you know, what we would call a bully. Of any kind, someone who Who is always by the brute force of Yeah, if it's not his physicality as His personality, his insistence. Children. A temper tantrum. Is an act of violence.

Is often an act of violence. Uh, precisely because you feel like you are not strong. Uh, but it is something that you may If, if not corrected and checked and helped by people who love you, It is an attempt to force, your will on the situation to insist that everyone else's life and plans and purposes stop until you are satisfied.

And, And the lord. Help you. To be glad that he is god. So that you don't try to be either your own god or anybody else. That's god. Uh, but the violent man the one who Uh, even by clever manipulation, but is always trying to force impose as well.

On a situation, one way or another. Um, Right, he As, as not. Qualified for the for the beneficial labor for the good work. Of being an overseer and he's not an example. To the rest of us. Of what it looks like to. Uh, love god and serve god with wisdom.

Love fathers and serve others with wisdom. Uh, but ultimately Um, To trust. God's providence gods. Enabling. God's making things. Fruitful. Um, The, the next word. And it is one word. Again, it's one of these compound words, not greedy for money. There's actually takes the word for shame. And puts together the the word for gain.

And, And you may, Have heard it. Not given to shameful gain or Uh, not controlled by shameful gain. Uh, but the idea here is That is someone who if they can advance themselves. They're not really ashamed of whatever it takes to do it. Whether that's advancing themselves financially in terms of property or well, but the word gain is actually, although it is often used particularly in that monetary sense.

Uh, but The the word gain is used in other ways as well. It's You remember the happiest one of the happiest? At least uses of that, that word that if for you, to live its price, then to die is gain. Um, And if you know that, And if you know that he is giving himself to you and is bringing you, Inexorably unstopably.

A. Um, Affordably. If it's always bringing you from the point where he desired to redeem you and he accomplished your redemption and then our experience of that really begins. At the point when he gives us life and brings us to saving faith and you know, From that point on that, he who started from eternity and accomplished it at the cross.

And that's That was there already. When he brought you to saving pay. He's never going to stop doing everything necessary. Uh, to give you himself. So, there's a, there's a view of what you consider to be gain. Uh, christ himself and all that he has for you and of you of how you get what gain is.

And so, Children, this is something for you. When you realize in a moment. That you are being selfish or want to steal or begrudging something to someone else or maybe you think gain is when everyone pays attention to you and things really highly of you, you know, all of these things.

As soon as you realize that you can ask yourself, wait a minute. What is it that i want right now that i want more than jesus. And how am i trying to get it? And of course, Um, adults aren't even very good at stopping and asking ourselves that. So god gave you some adults to help you.

Namely a dad and a mom to ask you those questions. Um, And you know, it's a wonderful thing that god does for us parents. Often he makes us have to ask questions of our children that we should have been asking of ourselves and he sanctifies us both. Uh what is it that i'm wanting more than the Lord jesus right now.

And how am i trying to get it? Am i shamelessly trying To get other people to think, well of me, or to have more influence. Or. Or in as a often is. Just wealth and property and pleasure. All those things. So, A man who's not given. Uh, to to shameless gain.

Man is not willing to do whatever is necessary in order to advance themselves. Um, This is the great difference, of course, between the children of god and the children of the devil. The children of god are. Glad that he's god and consider him. Uh, to be the The greatest blessing the greatest benefit.

Uh, The devil wants to be like god and he is not ashamed. Of whatever he can do to advance himself. And his own purposes. So, So, that is Um, Especially those those three not given to why not violent. Uh, not greedy for money or the not wine attended. Not a mana force.

Uh, not a man of shameless gain. Um, Well, all the The opposite of all those things is gentle. Gentle of description of someone who restrains himself. It's often tied to humility by the word meekness. You know, make person because he has a proper view of his low standing before god, and he's not asserting himself.

Or herself. Um, we're using the masculine not just generically, but especially because it's only males you remember for the office of the overseer or For the office of the deacon. Um, But someone has a proper view of himself. Under god is not always trying to. Assert himself. And so gentleness are really very strongly tied.

To humility. It's the same word that's used in philippians 4 5. Uh, with the knowledge that the lord is near. And so all outcomes belong to him, he said let your make nests like your gentleness Uh, being known. To all. We know the lord is near, we know the lord will accomplish this purposes.

Um, We know what he wants of us, but we also know that outcomes belong to him. So, you know, the old Uh, the old scottish Saying. Uh, duty is ours. Events are gods. And then, I don't remember the. The dutch one, although the Dutch drilled it into me for years.

But men get shift or something is half of it. Her men's cached, but they get loosely tried translates to man proposes. But god disposes. The, the idea that Uh, the lord has given you. How to serve him, how to serve others. And you, you trust him. The, the gentleman.

Therefore is not what we would call a pragmatist. Uh, trying to force outcomes. Doing what he thinks. Uh, will Get from people. What we want because we know ultimately Uh, it is. From god, that it must come. And god cannot be. Manipulated, he has to be served. Um, Yeah, you can even approach god from this manipulative, manipulative, pragmatic, sort of way.

Can't you You remember israel? In the beginning of isaiah 58 when they weren't Uh, delighting in the lord. And you remember the end of isaiah 58, and The application of the sabbath. But they viewed their religion. As a way to squeeze out of god, what they wanted. And god said, that's just striking with a wicked vest.

That's not going to get you. What you want from me. Uh, yes, Dave. Uh, i'm just started reading throughout the joe. And that's sort of the Thing that's coming out with his friends, they're saying this is happening because you've done something bad, you the understanding versus we do something good.

God is going to. You know, give you good things. It's sort of rested.

Retribution, tactiology quid quid pro quo. Yeah, so that very thing and just reading that, you know, they're all saying to Joe, hey, you know, these things don't just happen. Well. With the actual quote that we have to offer. God, we don't want his response and quid. This for that.

The that that we are offering, you have to have a wrong view. Of what you are doing. Now, that's one of the wonderful things between job, and his friends job had hope and mercy Um, And, And he believed that it was god who was being merciful to him and helping him and You can see that all the way at the beginning of the book, when he's offering sacrifices.

On behalf of his children because one of them might have sinned in their heart without knowing it. Um, That's the same. That's the same man. Who attributes whatever gobliness. He has to the grace of god and you know, as his friends hammer him like Like, Dave was was saying, Um, he had a couple points becomes alarmed, maybe God is dealing with me.

According to the way i am. Um, before his justice before his holiness and he just pleads with god, not to do that because it would be better just to be wiped out. If grace isn't real. Um, Of course, grace isn't. Real was The. That, that was the Main idea of the devil when god provoked him and you know, you considered my servant job.

Doesn't can, you know, satan doesn't even consider that. God might actually be transforming a sinner and does someone godly. He says, oh, it's not real. Yeah, he's just he's just engaging in quid pro quo, you've given invest and that's what he's Anyway. Uh, but yeah. So, The this this gentleness is meekness this.

That's not trying to force the outcome. Um, The that comes, especially with the force one and then the greed one, the gain one. Is also. Not controlled by antagonism. This this word not quarrelsum is literally unpeaceable. Uh, you know, someone who Just always has to oppose everything. He hears.

There's never anything good enough.

And just Always contrarian always playing devil's advocate. You might even agree with you but he enjoys the the Just taking up opposite positions. Never happy. Unless there's a debate. Thinks it's a job in every situation to counterbalance what everyone else is saying. Um, There are times that an overseer will have to dispute.

Uh but someone who's a constant disputer, how are you going to know that this is one of those important times? That he was compelled by his office. Uh, to dispute for your sake, for the sake of the truth. For the for the honor of christ. Um, You know, you may have heard.

Uh, you may have heard the The phrase. This is a hill. I will die on. Uh, the word here is describing somebody who's never met a hill. He wasn't happy to die on. Uh, it's just A unpeaceable. And then not controlled by greed. Uh, this is Is not a silver lover.

Literally, so this one is Is even more specifically, of course, monetary, it's translated covetous. I i see here in the New King James Um, But it's Uh, not a silver lover, not someone. Who is a lover of possessions? And this is important because He has to be a lover of god, with all his heart, soulmate and strength, and a lover of neighbor as himself.

And there's not room for the love of silver there. The love of wealth. Um, You know, we all Have moments and in which We, we have to be challenged. Or challenge ourselves, what's coming out of our hearts, am i treating property as more important than people. And the person is treating property is more important than people.

He doesn't have a clue about god because the value of people is there made in the image of god, there's no property in creation. That is made of the image of god. And so, we mustn't. We mustn't, be people who those who treat property more than people. So, in overseer will not be Any of those things.

In verse 3. Then. Briefly, what you see in verses 4 through 7, is that god gives us places. In which what is in us will come out of us? You know, it's out of the overflow of the heart that the mouth speaks. It is. The heart that is either the wellspring of life when the lord is working on it.

And blessing us and helping us. Um, But it's also. A place of. Of death and our original nature and much of that fleshiness. Although we are not in our flesh, our flesh remains in us, And so, it's helpful, not just for Thinking about overseers and deacons, but for each of us.

Uh, to think about How our conduct in the home, our conduct in the church, our conduct in the community, what is it showing coming out of our hearts and often? It's, especially in the home. Where we feel the least kind of external restraint. And more can come out of us.

Um, And we're horrified, and we Uh, you know, if we let it come out and God, help us. Uh, that we would do well in all three places. Uh, so he must be One, who rules in his own house. Well, he oversees his own house. Well. His children submit.

With all. Reverence. Now, this wasn't written to a culture like ours in which Um, you know, there were Uh, there were children who are allowed to get their way. All over the place. And Uh, The expectation was that all children submit. That was, you know, that's implied for instance, in hebrews chapter 12 when he talks about the discipline of fathers and children and That dads.

Don't let you get away with anything. Um, now Sadly, they do as seen as best to them which if you don't have a christian dad, Is. Uh, you know, it's well intended but it's not always well conceived. Um, and god always for our good, right? Always for the peaceful prude of righteousness.

Always To produce holiness, what a wonderful father. Uh, we have Uh, you know, because of the way, our culture has declined. We we are in danger of emphasizing the in submission in verse 4 which is of course, necessary. Uh, a man who's His children. Uh, continue in. On tempered rebellion.

In their home. In his home. He's not qualified either. But the emphasis in verse 4 is with all reverence With. With the same sort of, Respect. Honoring. That you hope to see god's children having towards him. Um, You know, then say same. Parallel passage or more explicatory passage. He was 12.

Um, We talks about reverencing our earthly fathers and you know, how much more than your heavenly father? Um, And so, the The children. Of. Of someone who's qualified to be an overseer. Uh, they are glad to honor him. They they don't just obey because they have to Uh, they They know their datas.

As someone who is for their good and has Has conducted himself in the home. Uh, in a way that they are glad. To belong to him, to obey him, to submit to him. Um, There's that, there's that. You know, we don't use, we use the word fear, primarily in our culture, Uh, to mean.

Servile tariff, fear of what he might do to me. Uh, not Uh, fear of displeasing him because he's so worthy of honor. But that's the, that's the way the the word fear here means Um, You know, and then when the children are skittish of the dad, Or. Perpetually miserable.

Um, Those are. Those are signs that. Something is Um, Is a mess. Well, This, this man's children. Are not like that. Um,

Sorry, where were we? For if a man does not know how to rule his own house. How will he take care? Of the church of god so you can see what is saying here about the type of man. He's not supposed to be in verse 3. Well, if he is that type of man in the home, then the submission of the children isn't going to be With this.

This honoring, you know, hating to displease him because of the the gentle man that he is. With his children. And if he's If his leadership in the home isn't like that is that the sort of man that you want or that in this case? We don't care what you want, we just care what jesus wants, is that sort of, man, that jesus wants in his church, teaching his children Training them.

How to submit to the lord or how Um, To submit to go on. He's also a proven man in the church. It's not a neo fight. Most of you probably have an idea of what neo means, Do we have any Latin people here? Button-ish. Help me with fight. Okay, plant related, he's not nearly planted.

Uh, quite literally Um, He's? He's not a new believer. A new believer.

You know, even the best appearing new Convert is in danger of getting a big head about himself. And And his spirituality. Sometimes, in the freshness of conversion, a new believer hasn't been matured in his theology. And he doesn't have that steadiness. That comes over time. Of resting in and trusting the lord with everything and having a profound persistent.

Joy. And so often the new believers really up and down, but Often a lot more up than down. He just he just met jesus. Praise god. And we love when lord converts new people, and they come in and they've got all of this. Not yet. Not yet. Tempered zeal.

And the the new believers actually not helped much. When? A totally joyless. Lifeless people have been permitted to Professed faith without any growth and grace at all. For Uh, you know, they just persist in their worldliness. And so the the new believer is susceptible to pride. Because he may look around and he may see, you know, the those steady profoundly joyful christians, that are just not a lot of up and down.

And, And think that he's already ahead of them in grace. They must be this those dead joyless people because they are not Subject to as intense fluctuations as they are. And so it is actually unloving. To take someone who has just been converted and say you seem so excited about jesus, you should be an elder.

Because they will, they will actually separate among god's flock, as someone who is puffed up with pride, who doesn't recognize what it looks like. When grace has been transforming for years instead of weeks, And so don't do that to him. Not a novice, not a neophyte. Lest being puffed up with pride, he fall into the same.

Condemnation. As the devil. The devil is glad to condemn. In others. That of which he himself is most guilty. And you can imagine when When a new believer has that, Has that feeling of? Of superiority over others. And then of course, if he's a believer, what's the holy spirit going to do is going to convict him of his sin?

And it can be devastating if you're if you're ups are really up and you're downs, are really down and And you're suddenly realize that you're treating mature believers in the body of christ, the same way, the devil does and the devil's only too happy to accuse you of that, right?

Don't you see how wicked you are? You proud. Arrogant fool that you thought you were spiritually, so much better than these. Um, And so, He needs to be a proven man, not just in

the home but also in the church. And then in the last place verse 7, a proven man in the community, Moreover, he must have a good testimony.

Among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach. And the snare. Of the devil. So, the qualified man will have a good testimony. With those who are outside. Now that doesn't mean they like him for having a good testimony. God still gets to decide what good is right?

If you're in a culture that Hates good and loves evil. They may say he's a good man and i hate him for it. But they are able to see a consistency of character. Um, You know, all of the, the verse Things are. Or should be present in him and how he Functions in the community study believer, in god devoted to his wife, loves strangers understands the faith.

Well those things from last week, the verse three things should probably be properly. Absent, not controlled by his appetites, doesn't manipulate or compel people by By bare authority or Um, Than force doesn't take every advantage that he can get away with for himself as an always. Um, countering everything everyone else says, doesn't love.

Property. Or possessions more than people, the people in the community may not like him for it, but they can attest. That he is the sort of man that god has described here. Um, And this was true, of course. Of jobs. Satan reproached him. Satan tried to trap him but he came out at last refined even better than before.

A man's character with outsiders, whether it's in business, or with his neighbors, or with the magistrates etc needs to match versus two and three Or else. Those who reproach him? Um, As. As the devil would love to bring to approach upon christ and approach. Upon the name of christ, they would have a biblical case.

We don't want anybody to have a biblical case against christ on our count. Um, And of course, The the one who's going to be an overseer, Should be matching all of those things. Now, when we get to, Well, we're almost out of time. This is very briefly when we get to you.

Verse 8 next week and this likewise It's not starting entirely over. He imports a couple of the same words from the description above to remind us. That the reason the elder has all of these things is because they belong to the same type of character that we're hoping god is going to use his ministry to produce.

Um, In the rest of the flock. And then for the oversight that the deacons Um, provide then in In the managing of earthly things are some things that are especially highlighted and we'll come to that Lord willing next week. Let's pray.

Our father in heaven, several times, we have been reminded And addressed in these few verses, Of the great difference between One, who belongs to you. And is being conformed to the image of christ. And one who is still responded to the devil. And as being conformed to, To his.

Evil character. We thank you lord. That you have given us, not just Christs to imitate. But christ and your spirit christs to be our life and our goodness and your spirit to apply him to us. So we pray for the spirit to do that work. With what we have studied, we pray, especially for our children.

Who are? Newly planted as it were. That you would make them to grow straight and strong. In the image of the lord, jesus. That the generation to come. Might have. As it were a A head start by comparison. To ourselves. Um by whom they know you to be in christ and by your spirit, conforming them to his image.

We thank you that you have filled your worship. With the means by which you do this work. Help us. Now, as we come to that worship, meet us in the means that you have a pointed and engage us and And work on us by your grace, we pray. We ask it in jesus name, amen.