

A scenic autumn landscape featuring a pond in the foreground, surrounded by trees with vibrant orange, red, and yellow foliage. A white arrow with a black outline points to the right, positioned in the center of the image.

*Welcome To
Sunday Night Bible Fellowship*

“We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.” Col 1:28

“Qualifications for an Elder-Pastor-Overseer”

Part III

Titus 1:6-9

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“not self-willed”

μη αυθαδης

not self pleasure

arrogant, self-pleasing, aggressive, self-assertive,
over-bearing, self-absorbed, self-centered

i.e. “big ego”, “my way or the highway”, “more
concerned with his will over God’s will”.

Prov 15:33

33 The fear of the Lord is the instruction for wisdom,
And before honor comes humility.

Prov 22:4

4 The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord
Are riches, honor and life.

Acts 20:18-19

18 "You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia,
how I was with you the whole time,
19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials
which came upon me through the plots of the Jews;

Eph 4:2

2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance
for one another in love,

Col 3:12

12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put
on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and
patience;

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“not quick-tempered”

μη οργιλος

not soon angered

burst of anger, indignation, wrath, violent passion, inflamed,
out-of-control temper

i.e. “goes ballistic, one who loses it, has a short fuse.”

1 Tim 3:2

2 An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

James 1:19-20

19 This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger;

20 for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

Gal 5:19-20

19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,

20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger,

Eph 4:26

26 BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN;

Eph 4:31

31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

Prov 14:29

29 He who is slow to anger has great understanding,
But he who is quick-tempered exalts folly.

Prov 29:11

11 A fool always loses his temper,
But a wise man holds it back.

Ps 145:8

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful;
Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.

Prov 15:18

8 A hot-tempered man stirs up strife,
But the slow to anger calms a dispute.

Prov 22:24

4 Do not associate with a man given to anger;
Or go with a hot-tempered man,

Eccl 7:9

9 Do not be eager in your heart to be angry,
For anger resides in the bosom of fools.

In the Bible righteous anger was shown by:

- ***God***
- ***Moses***
- ***David***
- ***Paul***

The Lord Jesus also expressed anger:

1. At the Pharisees for their hardness of heart (Mark 3:5).
2. At the money changers in the temple (John 2:13-22).
3. At the hypocrisy of the Pharisees in Matthew 23.
4. At Peter, for attempting to thwart His death on the cross. (Matthew 16:23).

Some thoughts on anger –

1. Jonathan Edwards made a resolution never to get angry at an inanimate object, because ultimately it would be anger against God who is in control of inanimate objects, and they don't have any will to commit an immorality with which to get angry.
2. Our Father in heaven can only be perfectly holy if He gets angry when His righteous standards are violated.
3. Every time we are angry, we should check ourselves to see if we are upset at the things God hates.
4. The anger which is a manifestation of our old self (the flesh) is to be put off. The anger which is a manifestation of God's righteousness is to be put on.

When is it righteous to be angry:

1. When you are reacting against sin.
2. When you are more concerned with the offense being against God than the offense being against yourself.
3. When you are expressing your anger in ways consistent with the fruit of the Spirit.

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“not addicted to wine”

μη παροινος
not beside wine

“staying too long beside your wine”

loves to drink, loves the feeling or “buzz” he gets from drinking, has a problem with the control of his drinking, needs it to get through life.

Lev 10:8-9

8 The Lord then spoke to Aaron, saying,

9 "Do not drink wine or strong drink, neither you nor your sons with you, when you come into the tent of meeting, so that you will not die — it is a perpetual statute throughout your generations —

Prov 20:1

1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler,
And whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise.

Prov 31:4-5

4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel,
It is not for kings to drink wine,
Or for rulers to desire strong drink,
5 For they will drink and forget what is decreed,
And pervert the rights of all the afflicted.

Prov 23:29-35

19 Listen, my son, and be wise,
And direct your heart in the way.

20 Do not be with heavy drinkers of wine,
Or with gluttonous eaters of meat;

21 For the heavy drinker and the glutton will come to
poverty,

And drowsiness will clothe one with rags.

29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow?

Who has contentions? Who has complaining?

Who has wounds without cause?

Who has redness of eyes?

30 Those who linger long over wine,

Those who go to taste mixed wine.

31 Do not look on the wine when it is red,
When it sparkles in the cup,
When it goes down smoothly;

32 At the last it bites like a serpent
And stings like a viper.

33 Your eyes will see strange things
And your mind will utter perverse things.

34 And you will be like one who lies down in the middle
of the sea,
Or like one who lies down on the top of a mast.

35 "They struck me, but I did not become ill;
They beat me, but I did not know it.
When shall I awake?
I will seek another drink."

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Num 6:1-3

1 Again the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When a man or woman makes a special vow, the vow of a Nazirite, to dedicate himself to the Lord,

3 he shall abstain from wine and strong drink;

Isa 5:21-22

21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes
And clever in their own sight!

22 Woe to those who are heroes in drinking wine
And valiant men in mixing strong drink,

Rom 13:13

13 Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy.

Rom 14:21

21 It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or to do anything by which your brother stumbles.

Eph 5:18

18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

1 Tim 3:8

8 Deacons likewise must be men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain,

1 Peter 4:3

3 For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries.

Wine and strong drink can be a serious problem for:

- Priests
- Kings
- People who take the highest level of devotion – the Nazarite vow
- Rulers
- Elders/Pastors
- Deacons

**There is always the potential for drunkenness, and drunkenness leads to being out of control. It leads to foolishness, uncontrolled words and uncontrolled actions.*

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“not pugnacious”

μη πληκτης

not quarrelsome

intimidating, argumentative, combative, antagonistic,
hostile, aggressive, threatening, confrontational.

i.e. brawler, loves to pick a fight, loves to argue for hours.

Prov 17:14

14 The beginning of strife is like letting out water,
So abandon the quarrel before it breaks out.

Prov 20:3

3 Keeping away from strife is an honor for a man,
But any fool will quarrel.

2 Tim 2:24

24 The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind
to all, able to teach, patient when wronged,

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“not fond of sordid gain”

μη αισχροκερδησ

not eager for filthy gain

greedy, motivated by money, covetous

i.e. he is in it for the money, he sees what he does as merely a job, a profession or career instead of a calling and a ministry, he wants to climb the professional ladder, his financial gain comes over the interests of the church, he will compromise almost anything to receive financial gain.

1 Cor 9:11-12

11 If we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?

1 Tim 5:17-18

17 The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.

18 For the Scripture says, "YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING," and "The laborer is worthy of his wages."

Gal 6:6

6 The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him.

1 Tim 6:5

5 and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.

1 Tim 6:9-10

9 But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.

10 For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

1 Peter 5:2

2 shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;

My agenda

My way

My pleasure

My opinion

My gain

“We pastors are being killed by the professionalizing of the pastoral ministry. The mentality of the professional is not the mentality of the prophet. It is not the mentality of the slave of Christ. Professionalism has nothing to do with the essence and heart of the Christian ministry. The more professional we long to be, the more spiritual death we will leave in our wake. For there is no professional childlikeness, there is no professional tenderheartedness, there is no professional panting after God. Brothers, we are not professionals. We are outcasts. We are aliens and exiles in the world. Our citizenship is in Heaven, and we wait with eager expectation for the Lord (Phil. 3:20). You cannot professionalize the love of His appearing without killing it. And it is being killed. The world sets the agenda of the professional man; God sets the agenda of the spiritual man.”

- John Piper

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