



# TITUS

A STUDY THRU PAUL'S LETTER TO TITUS





# The Elder's Heart - 1

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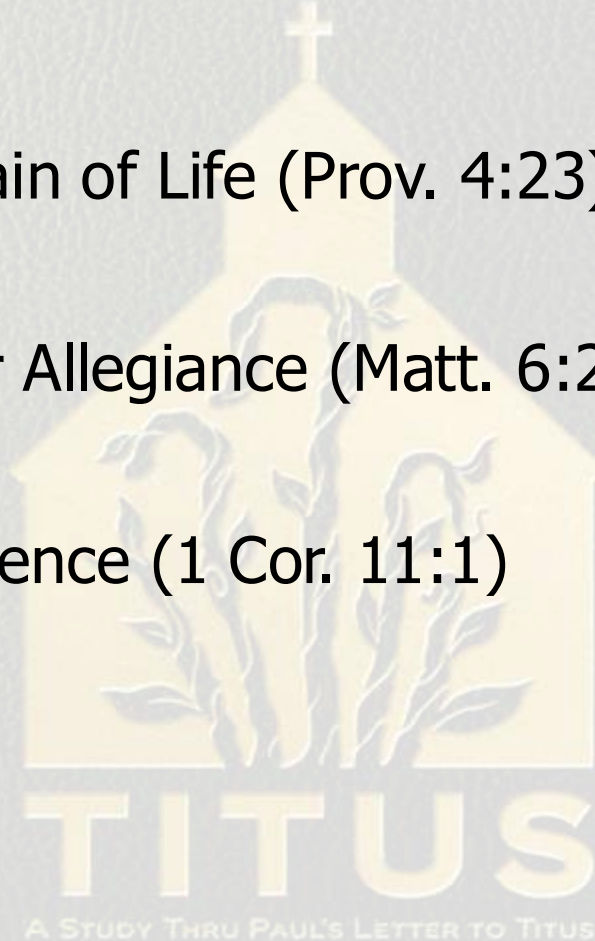
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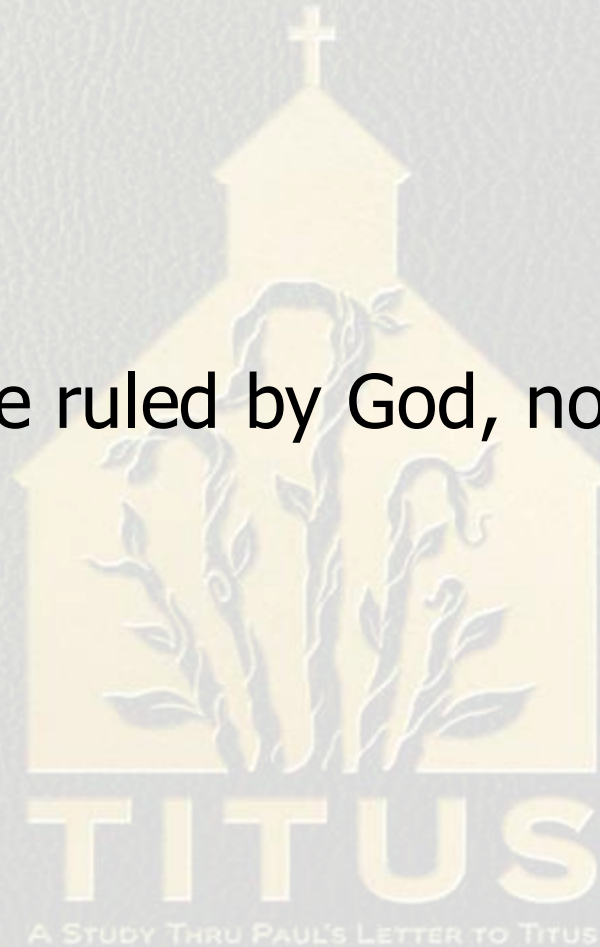
# Why the Elder's Heart?

1. The Heart is the Fountain of Life (Prov. 4:23)
2. The Heart Reveals your Allegiance (Matt. 6:21)
3. The Heart Shapes Influence (1 Cor. 11:1)



Lesson Theme:

A leader's heart must be ruled by God, not by ungodly passions.



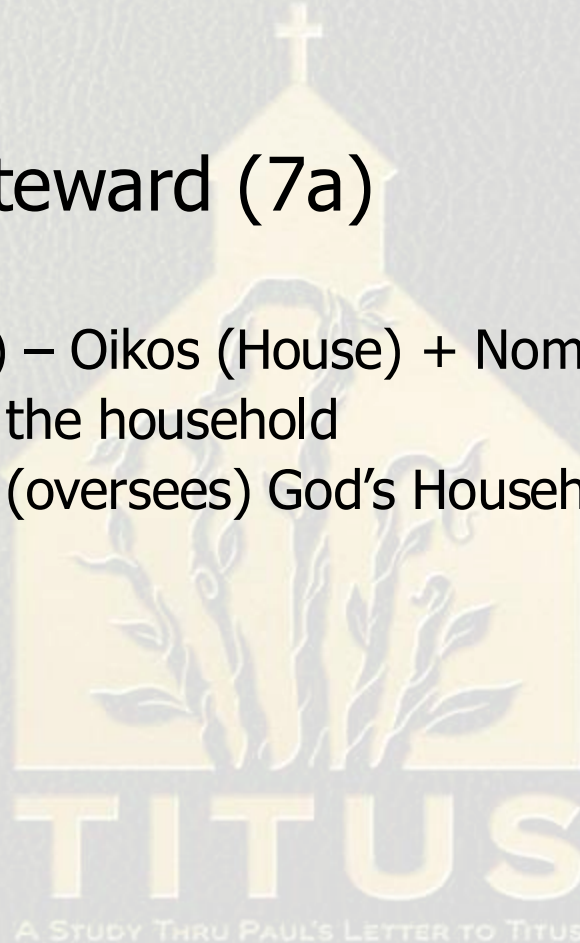


# The Elder's Heart

## I. The Elder is God's Steward (7a)

### A. What it Means

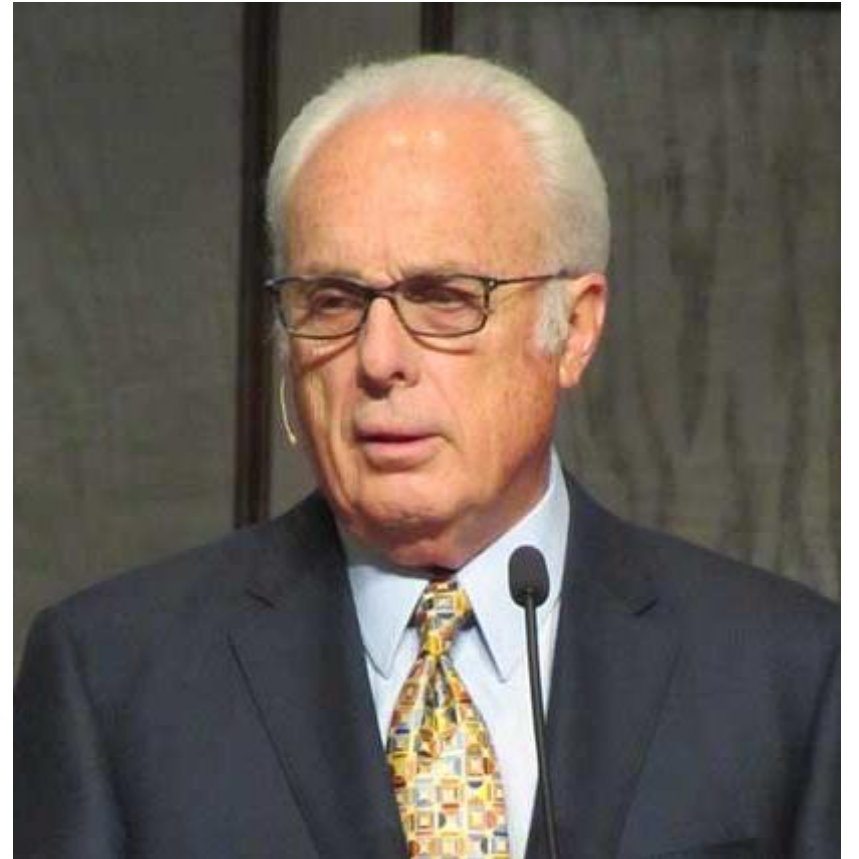
- Οἰκονόμος (oikonomos) – Oikos (House) + Nomos (Law / to Order / Arrange)
- The one who manages the household
- The one who manages (oversees) God's Household



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“In addition to caring for all the needs of family members, they could be responsible and accountable for household finances and for making sure, for example, that crops were properly planted, cultivated, and harvested. They often had oversight of all other household servants, to provide for them and to assign and supervise their work. They would make sure that those who were sick or wounded were cared for and even dispensed discipline when necessary.”

- Dr. John MacArthur



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## I. The Elder is God's Steward (7a)

A. What it Means

B. Why it Matters (when Elders are NOT good Stewards)

1. They Neglect the Flock (Eze. 34:2-6; Acts 20:29; Amos 8:11)
2. It creates Division and Discord (1 Cor. 1:10)

C. How it Marks the Church (when Elders ARE good Stewards)

1. They Recognize that they are Stewards and NOT Owners (1 Cor. 4:1-5)
2. They Shepherd the Flock with Care (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2; Col. 1:28)
3. They Foster Unity and Spiritual Growth (Eph. 4:1-3)





# The Elder's Heart

I. The Elder is God's Steward (7a)

II. The Elder is Not Self-Willed (7b)

A. What it Means

- Αὐθάδης (authedes) – Autos (Self) + Hedomai (to delight or take pleasure in)
- A person who delights in himself
- A self-seeking person
- A person pre-occupied with himself

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# The Elder's Heart

I. The Elder is God's Steward (7a)

II. The Elder is Not Self-Willed (7b)

A. What it Means

B. Why it Matters (when Elders ARE Self-Willed)

1. They Destroy Unity (Phil. 2:2-4)
2. They Refuse Correction (2 Tim. 2:4)
3. They Reflect Pride not Humility (Mark 10:42-45)

C. How it Marks the Church (when Elders are NOT Self-Willed)

1. They Submit to God's Authority (1 Pet. 5:2-4; Heb. 13:17)
2. They Shepherd the Flock with Care (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2; Col. 1:28)
3. They Reflect Christ's Leadership (Phil. 2:5-8)



# The Elder's Heart

I. The Elder is God's Steward (7a)

II. The Elder is Not Self-Willed (7b)

III. The Elder is Not Quick-Tempered (7c)

A. What it Means

- ὀργίλος (orgilos) – Orge (anger / fuming / wrath)
- A person who is inclined to anger
- A hot headed man





# The Elder's Heart

I. The Elder is God's Steward (7a)

II. The Elder is Not Self-Willed (7b)

III. The Elder is Not Quick-Tempered (7c)

A. What it Means

B. Why it Matters (when Elders ARE Quick-Tempered)

1. They Leave the Sheep in Constant Fear (1 Sam. 18:8-12)
2. They Leave the Sheep Wounded and Withdrawn (Prov. 22:24; 29:22)

C. How it Marks the Church (when Elders are NOT Quick-Tempered)

1. It Creates a Peaceful and Safe Environment (1 Tim. 3:15; Col. 3:15)
2. They Provide Patient and Gentle Shepherding (Gal. 6:1)
3. They Reflect Christ Well (Ps. 103:8; Rom. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9)



# Reflection Questions

I. Are you marked by Patience?

II. Are you a Selfless person?

III. Are you being a good Steward?

