

A Study About Elders

(Part 10)

I. Introduction:

A. An elders work includes feeding the church (**Acts 20:28** and **I Peter 5:1-3**).

1. We know this is a spiritual feeding (**Luke 4:4** and **John 6:1-27**).

2. The food of knowledge and understanding (**Jeremiah 3:12-15**).

B. Therefore, an elder has to have mature knowledge of the Scriptures rather than being a babe in knowledge (**Hebrews 5:12-14**).

1. Ignorant leaders are destructive (**Isaiah 5:13** and **Luke 11:52**).

2. Lacking knowledge is shameful (**I Corinthians 15:34**) and will show a lack of wisdom (**Proverbs 10:14**).

3. Not puffed up by his knowledge (**I Corinthians 8:1**).

II. Body: Apt To Teach / Holding Fast The Faithful Word That He Me Be Able By SOUND Doctrine To Exhort And Convince By Sound Doctrine (**I Timothy 3:2** and **Titus 1:9**).

A. Apt to teach (**II Timothy 2:23-26**).

1. Guiding others through teaching is an ability to pick up from someone's inquiry and able to guide them to the truth (**Acts 8:30-35**).

2. Knowing when, when not to teach, and how to teach (**Mark 4:30-34**, **John 16:12**, **I Corinthians 3:1-3**, and **Titus 3:8-11**).

3. Living what he teaches (**Romans 2:17-23**, **Luke 11:46**, **I Corinthians 9:27**, **Philippians 4:9**, **I Timothy 4:12-16**, **II Timothy 3:1-10**, **Titus 2:7-8**, and **Hebrews 13:7**).

B. Holding fast the faithful word (**I Thessalonians 5:21**, **II Thessalonians 2:15**, and **II Timothy 1:13**).

1. Holding onto something cannot be a divided effort (**Luke 16:13** and **Revelation 2:12-16**).

2. The faithful word, the Lord's truth (**Psalms 119:151-152**, **John 8:31-47**, **John 17:17**, and **Acts 2:42**).

3. This excludes any and all doctrines, philosophies, and/or traditions of men (**Colossians 2:4-8**).

C. By sound doctrine to exhort and to convince the gainsayers (**I Timothy 1:3-7**).

1. Exhort [beseech] (**I Thessalonians 4:1-10** and **Hebrews 3:13**; **Hebrews 10:22-25**).

2. Convince [to confute, admonish: — convict, convince, tell a fault, rebuke, reprove] (**Matthew 18:15-17**, **Ephesians 5:11**, **I Timothy 5:20**, **Titus 2:15**, and **Revelation 3:19**).

3. The gainsayers [those that contradict; speak against] (**Acts 13:45-51**).

III. Conclusion: If you continue to read in the letter to Titus, there was an additional purpose to the elders ability to teach sound doctrine (**Titus 1:10-16**).