

How to Effectively Pray for the Church Elders
Pastor Daniel: *Titus Series #5 Titus 1:6-9* (10/25/09)

- A. The passages which control my personal thinking**
1. Acts 20:28 "...the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God..."
 2. Ephesians 4:7-14 "Christ...gave you to the church...for the equipping of the saints for ministry . . . to a perfect man . . ."
 3. I Timothy 5:17-20 "...rule well...those [*elders*] who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all..."
 4. I Peter 5:1-4 "...being examples to the flock...you will receive a crown of glory..."
 5. Titus 1:6-9 – 15 qualifications of character and integrity
- B. Will YOU pray with me through these 15 qualifications?**
- v. 6
1. "blameless" To live above *fleshly accusations*
 2. "husband of one wife" To be devoted to his wife (*adore her*)
 3. "having faithful children" – What does this mean?
 - (a) To have all his children be *believers in Christ* ... or
 - (b) To have all his children be *faithful* . . . "not accused of dissipation [*wild living*] or insubordination"
- v. 7
4. "**not** self-willed" To not be arrogant, or despise higher authorities, or be fully bent on one's own opinion (II Pe. 2:10)
 5. "**not** quick tempered" To not be fast to anger, or contentious
 6. "**not** given to wine" To not be known as a pleasure drinker
 - Paul used "wine" 5xs in 13 books – *all with a caution*
 7. "**not** violent" To not be a bully or an intimidator (*pugnacious*)
 - Spurgeon: "Don't go about the world with your fist doubled up for fighting, carrying a theological revolver in the leg of your trousers."
 8. "**not** greedy for money" To not be motivated by money/greed
 - He is completely satisfied with God's gifts in his life
- v. 8
9. "hospitable" To have a home which is open to assist others
 10. "a lover of what is good" To have a passion for the best things in life which have eternal value – Philippians 1:9-11
 11. "sober-minded" To exercise wisdom in all decisions and be balanced in his approach to life and ministry (Note: 2:6)
 12. "just" To be upright; in I Jn 3:7 'one who does righteousness'
 13. "holy" To be pleasing to God in mind, body, and spirit
 14. "self-controlled" To be disciplined like an athlete I Cor 9:25
 - There is no room for self-indulgence with this word
- v. 9
15. "holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught" To be faithful to the Word of God as he was taught (see: vv 10-16)