

Christ Himself gave an example of Christian lifestyle for a purpose.

4. NT Requirements for any Believer - Titus 1

#1 You a generation of a priests before God. 1 Peter 2:5,9

Royal & Holy priesthood

Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. **YOU ARE NEVER OFF DUTY!**

DON'T - Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, (quarreling) emulations, (rivalry) wrath, strife, seditions, (dissention) heresies, (self-chosen opinion) Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings ("pigging-out")

DO - fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, (power under control)

temperance (moderation) Galatians 5:19-23

#2 To correct and instruct the money grubbers – v. 9

9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

#3 Avoid False Teachers – vs. 10-16

2 Timothy 2:16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

Titus 1:10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: **11** Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. **12** One of themselves, *even* a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians *are* alway liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. **13** This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; **14** Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. **15** Unto the pure all things *are* pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. **16** They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

The Elder Over My Heart – Titus 1

We are like the Bereans (Acts 17:10,11) who searched the Scripture daily to understand and verify the teachings of our leaders in the Bible studies. Here in Cap Hill, we have no pure example of a country church with a safe pastor; but we should and must look for a shepherd that matches God's Word. These simple requirements show that there is only ONE Bible, ONE Christ, ONE truth, so there is only ONE way to select a pastor.

The LORD God ordained His priest leadership for a purpose.

1. OT Requirements for any priest – Lev. 10, 21

here is only a simple set of LAWS for the priests.

He, Him, Son, Husband – a man

Holy – Not Profane – No blemish

Eat pure food

Hair trimmed; not bald

Don't mess with dead stuff

Married pure meets pure; No profane kids

(while on duty) never drink wine or strong drink

The High Priest is NEVER off duty

Leviticus 21:8 Thou shalt sanctify him therefore; for he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee: for I the LORD, which sanctify you, *am* holy. **9** And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the whore, she profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire. **10** And *he that is* the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured, and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor rend his clothes; **11** Neither shall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother; **12** Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God *is* upon him: I *am* the LORD. **13** And he shall take a wife in her virginity. **14** A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, *or* an harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife. **15** Neither shall he profane his seed among his people: for I the LORD do sanctify him.