

people feel good (2 Tim. 4:3-4). So we must carefully analyse and evaluate in the light of the Scriptures everything we hear—even what is taught and proclaimed by the most eloquent of speakers (even what we hear at CMBC). We must not allow ourselves to be swayed by mere oratory—especially in the church! We need to be sure that the Bible teachers we listen to are "speaking the truth in Christ and not lying" (1 Tim. 2:7).

Don't let "idle talkers and deceivers" (Ti. 1:10) confuse you. Eloquence is never a substitute for truth. –RWD

*We must beware of speakers who
Distort and twist God's Word;
They'll entertain and motivate,
And make God's Word absurd. –Sper*

To recognise Satan's lies, focus on God's truth.



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Smooth Talkers

Speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine. –Titus 2:1

A man who was trying to explain the meaning of the word oratory commented with tongue in cheek, "If you say black is white, that's foolishness. But if while you say black is white you roar like a bull, pound on the table with both fists, and race from one end of the platform to another, that's oratory!"

We can quickly be swept off our feet by the way people express themselves, even though we have some questions about their message. Jude warned us about those whose mouths speak "great swelling words" (v.16). The masses are often moved more by style than by content.

According to Paul, the time will come when people will turn away from the truth of sound doctrine and tolerate only those who entertain and make





church restoration

godly leadership II (what to look for in a new pastor)

The criteria for pastoral office listed in Titus 1:6-9 can be considered under 4 headings. So then we look at 4 sets of criteria for eldership:

1. _____, verses 5, 7, 6

(Acts 20:17) "... he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church."

(Acts 20:28) ""Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers, to shepherd** the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."



◆ No known _____, verse 6

◆ Use of _____, verse 7

(Ephesians 5:18) "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,"

2. _____, verses 6, 8

◆ _____/_____ relationship, verse 6

◆ _____, verse 6

(Titus 1:6) "... a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient." [NIV]

(Titus 1:6) "... His children shouldn't be known for having wild lifestyles or being rebellious. [GW]

(1 Timothy 3:4-5) "one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence {5} (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?);"



◆ _____, verse 8

(Luke 14:12-14) "... "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. {13} "But

when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. {14} "And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just. ""

(Romans 12:13) "distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality."

(Hebrews 13:2) "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels."

(Genesis 18:6-7) "So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead it and make cakes." {7} And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave it to a young man, ..."



(Philemon 1:5) "hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints,"

(Philemon 1:7) "...the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother."

3. _____, verses 7, 9

◆ _____, verse 7

(1 Corinthians 4:2) "Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful."

(1 Thessalonians 5:14) "..., warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all."

◆ _____-honouring, verse 9

◆ An _____, verse 9

(1 Peter 3:15) "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;"

(2 Timothy 2:24-25) "And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, {25} in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,"

