

## Elder and Deacons

(I Timothy 3:8) They must be men of dignity not shifty or double talkers but sincere in what they say. They don't just talk about money all the time. There is no lawlessness in deacons running around making shifty deals, they are not fond of talking about money. They must have a clear conscience, free from lawless deeds, tested in this, deacons are the prime example of Messiah in the Body (servants of all).

Our Master taught the disciples the difference between the authority He would die to establish (Mark 10:35-42) and the authority in the nations and the authority that is in the Edah. In the Edah there is no lording it over those in your charge. While in the world this is the desire of the Gentiles, for their own glory, respect, rule. They do not know God. The desire of the gentiles to rule is so they can be looked up to and obeyed by man. Every one who aspires to this will be tested with fire and then we can only receive the place appointed for us. The more we suffer for His sake the closer we are to Him, and the closer we are to Him the more we are worthy to rule exhibiting the characteristics of light and salt. We will receive authority only by drinking the cup He offers...(either in this age or in the age to come).

There will be divisions if elders are not both our Father's selection and the Bodies. (I Corinthians 1:10) Divisions will come to expose those who are not divinely approved. If Messiah can be divided then the Body can. In the first church the one's with the Holy Spirit didn't divide but they allowed others to come in because of their lack of communion and as they died away, they were replaced by natural men living by biblical principles and not the Holy Spirit. If you rule by an unclean spirit you'll not practice hospitality, you won't reach out to bring healing. The more the spirit of the gentiles is in a man the less our Father can lead through him. No one striving or seeking to rule are to be nominated. Those who want to rule are still under the spirit of the gentiles. Hidden pride will eventually be revealed....even by their own mouth. Our Father's authority is not to be self righteous or proud. Elders and deacons are to walk in uninterrupted fellowship with our Master. Only obstinance and rebellion would keep them from communion. One in authority can most easily misrepresent YHWH's heart. We drift unconsciously but if we seek to stand we will fill its subtle tendency to draw us away from communion. It isn't some tiny pressure. This pressure worked on the first communities. We too could be moved. Bad judgment is a lack of communion. The foundation is perfect and sound or else in 30 or 40 years it will crumble, too late to correct this drifting. We could fall and join Ephesus, Rome, Corinth in the dust. All that exist of them is Christianity, without a king, we will be king less unable to be raised on the last day. Unless we are under authority we are out of order. We are all in the same order. If we are not in this order we have no real or active part in the Body. The testimony of headship is (I Corinthians 11:1-5) if you are not in that order, you are out of order. Woman to man, man to Messiah and Messiah to the Father. Woman wears the sign to demonstrate the

order. If you are not in that order you have no real or active part in the Body of Messiah.

This principle here is essential for life and peace in the body. Authority, covering and submission and headship are all essential for life and peace, there is no peace or life when these are not demonstrated. One not in this order is walking in darkness. We must be in absolute submission to the "head," whom we meet in the order of the Body.

Spirit of lawlessness is the one who claims to be in Messiah and is not in submission to parents. We will be crippled for life if we allow pockets of rebellion to remain in us by not wanting to come under authority. If we have trouble with authority we have trouble with YHWH.