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1 Tim 3:15 "pillar and ground of the truth"

"and with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved."

(II Thessalonians 2:10)

"Buy the truth, and sell it not; Yea, wisdom, and instruction, and understanding." (Proverbs 23:23)

"It is as sport to a fool to do wickedness; And so is wisdom to a man of understanding."
(Proverbs 10:23)

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PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

- Classes & Sermons are Bible-rich (Neh 8:8)
- Members are critical readers and students (Acts 17:11 "noble-minded")
- Evangelism is a priority (2 Pet 2:5 Noah a preacher of righteousness!, finances of Philippi {Php 4:16})
- Elders that silence "the insubordinate, empty talkers, and deceivers" (Tit 1:10-13)
- Commitment to discipline (1 Cor 5:6-7, 13)

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Rev 2:4-5 "left your first love... repent and do the first works"

"From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body to the edifying of itself in love."

(Eph 4:16)

"For the body does not consist of one member but of many. Does not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body, that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body." (1 Cor 14-20)

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PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

- Value the gray-haired and the young
 (1 Tim 5:1-2, Lev 19:32)
- Maintenance works matter (Tit 3:14)
- Unity comes through common work (John 15:4-8)
- Deacons are there to serve as points of contact for work, but not the only workers (Hence, Phoebe - Rom 16:27)

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1 Cor 10:10-11 "neither murmur"

Php 2:12-14 "work out your own salvation... do all things without murmurings and questionings"

"Murmur not, brethren, one against another, that ye be not judged: behold, the judge standeth before the doors." (James 5:9)

"Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;" (Heb 12:14-15)

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- Trust the elders you chose them to know more than you do (Heb 13-17 "for this were unprofitable for you")
- All workers are less effective than Jesus was...
 but burying our talents is the other option (Matt 25:24-28)
- "I'm not good at" is not a valid replacement for "I can do" (Mk 14:8)
- If you see a problem or a lack be the solution (Heb 12:12-13)