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# The Messenger



*"... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15*

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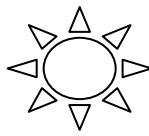
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## **Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5 (Appointment)**

1. Elders were appointed in first century church
2. Elders were appointed in every church where men were qualified (I Timothy 3)
3. There was prayer and fasting
4. Evangelists were involved in the appointment process
5. The appointment of elders help set in order what was lacking (Titus 1:5)

## **Acts 6:1ff - Examples of Workers Appointed**

1. The congregation was summoned
2. The congregation was told to “seek out” or select the men
3. They were to be from “among their own number”
4. These men had proven themselves to be of good reputation, full of the spirit and wisdom.



## Is Your Attitude Good or Bad?

by Dean Miller

*“The only real handicap in life is a bad attitude.”* When I heard this quote, I couldn’t help but think, “I’ve met a lot of handicapped people in my life!”

There is truth in that quote. Negative circumstances are undeniable realities. Everybody has them. Some are more severe than others. They are common, though, with all of us. Bad circumstances are only made worse by a bad attitude.

Attitude makes all the difference in the world. Secular positive mental attitude training can be helpful. The development of a positive spiritual attitude is far better. There are significant facts we need to constantly remind ourselves of while coping with tough times. There is a God in heaven (Daniel 2:28). He dearly loves us (John 3:16). He knows everything that is going on in our lives, never leaves us, and will always help us (Psalm 139:1-12; Hebrews 13:5-6). God’s providential care guarantees we will never experience anything we cannot handle by His grace (I Corinthians 10:13; II Corinthians 12:7-10). The bottom line is *“we are more than conquerors through Him ...”* (Romans 8:37).

A positive spiritual attitude will go a long way toward helping us cope with the difficulties of life. We may not always choose our circumstance, but we can always choose our attitude.

## Wear a Smile!

Christians ought to be the happiest people on the face of this earth. Think of all the advantages Christians have. We have become children of God (Galatians 3:26-27), we have hope (Romans 5:3-5), we have had our sins forgiven (Acts 22:16), we have been sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:13-14), we have been chosen in Christ (Ephesians 1:14), we have been made God’s heritage (Ephesians 1:11), etc.

Evidently, some Christians believe that it is more holy to frown than to smile. When the Eunuch heard, believed, and obeyed the gospel, the Bible says, *“he went on his way rejoicing”* (Acts 8:39).

Let’s go on our way rejoicing and let’s wear a smile!

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## News and Notes:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

*“...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”*  
- James 5:16