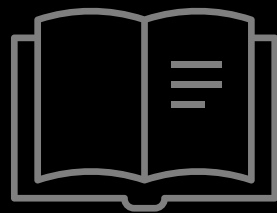


A still life composition featuring a dark ceramic cup, a loaf of bread, and a basket of grapes on a wooden surface. The scene is set on a rustic wooden table. In the center, a dark, textured ceramic cup stands upright. To its left, a large, round loaf of bread with a golden-brown crust rests on a piece of light-colored fabric. To the right, a woven basket filled with dark grapes sits on the same fabric. The background is a soft, warm gradient, and the overall lighting is natural and inviting.

A Blueprint of Conduct in Hospitality

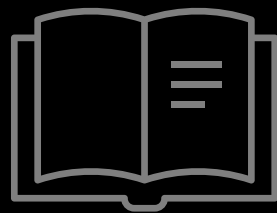
I TIMOTHY 3 : 1 - 2

. . . bishop and hospitality . . .



TITUS 1 : 4 - 13

. . . given to hospitality, but rebuke the wrong . . .



63-1226 Church Order

231. How far, Brother Branham, can or should a deacon go to keep order in the church? Should we keep the order or wait until Brother Neville tells us what we should do?



63-1226 Church Order

128 That isn't Brother Neville's job, that's your job. See? You don't tell Brother Neville what to preach on, how to preach it. See, that's your job, you deacons, you're supposed to do that. You take care of that. That's nothing to Brother Neville, that's your job.



63-1226 Church Order

129 Now, if a policeman's out here on the street and he sees a man stealing property out of a back of a car, **should he call the mayor and say, "Now, Mayor, your Honor, sir, I am working for you here on this police force;**



63-1226 Church Order

... now, I find a man up the street here, he's—he was stealing some tires off of a car last night; now, I just wonder, what's your opinion of that?" Huh! See? See, that wouldn't be sensible, would it? No, sir. If he was doing something wrong, arrest him.



63-1226 Church Order

130 And if a man's doing something wrong here in the church, or anybody, stop them, talk to them. Don't be arrogant; but if they won't listen, speak in a way that they know what you're saying. See? See, like you tell a child, say, "Walk back there," and he's misbehaving.



63-1226 Church Order

Deacons, stay at your place!

Put...There's four of you, stay two in front and two in the back, on these corners or somewhere like that. And watch real close, for renegades and everything else come in like this, you see.



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And you be on the guard, you get to your post of duty and stay there, that's your seat; or stand right beside of the wall and watch everybody come in.



63-1226 Church Order

131 A deacon takes care of the house of God. Someone come in, speak to them; be there to greet them, shake their hand. That's, you're the policeman, "Could we show you the cloak room?" or, "Would you be seated?" "Could we hand you a songbook or something?" ...



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... or, “Now we would like for you to enjoy yourself here, and pray, and we’re happy you’re here with us tonight.”

Lead them right down to a place, and say, “Would you like to be closer or would you like to be back here?” or wherever more. That’s hospitality.



63-1226 Church Order

132 A policeman (or the deacon) is a military police to the army, courtesy, but yet with authority. See? You know what a military police is, is actually, if he carries out his rights, I think he's just like a chaplain. ...



63-1226 Church Order

... You see? It's courtesy and everything, but yet he has an authority. See, you must mind him. See, he puts... These rookies get out there and get drunk, why, he puts them in their place. And so is the deacon to put them in their place.



63-1226 Church Order

133 Now, remember, the deacon is a policeman, and a deacon's office is actually more strict than most any office in the church. I don't know of an office any more stricter than the deacon's office. ...



63-1226 Church Order

... That's right, because he's got a—
he's got a real job, and he's God's
man. He's God's man just as much as
the pastor is God's man. Certainly,
he is. He is God's servant.



ROMANS 12 : 9 - 21

... hospitality and overcome evil ...

