

# Apt to Teach

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*Lecture Outline*  
*1 of 2*

- I. Understanding the Backdrop to the Instructions to Elders
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- II. Paul's Words to the Elders of Ephesus in Acts 20:17-35
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- III. Paul's Words of Warning Came True (as seen in 1 Timothy and Titus)
  - A. Initial observations
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - B. 1 Timothy 1:3-7
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - C. Titus 1:9
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - D. Paul also exposes the nature of the false teachers and their teaching

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### IV. Apt to Teach

- A. This term is used only \_\_\_\_\_ other time in the New Testament, and it is by Paul.
- B. Apt to teach means to be able to take on all false teaching and provide \_\_\_\_\_ from the Word of God.
- C. This does not mean the elder must have the gift of \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Two implications

### V. Hold Fast the Word of God

- A. Here, Paul is more specific here about the content of the teaching, as well as its \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. What does it mean to “hold fast” the faithful Word?
- C. The elder needs to be a \_\_\_\_\_ teacher in order to set forth the truth of God’s Word clearly and succinctly, so as to accurately convey the truth God has given to His church.

### VI. Summary

- A. In 1 Timothy, Paul is setting forth the qualifications by which existing elders can be evaluated.
- B. In Titus, Paul is setting forth the qualifications by which new elders can be evaluated and officially appointed.
- C. The importance of this requirement that elders be able to teach competently
- D. We need teachers who hold to the truth of the Word, and teach it in an effective manner.