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 children not accused of who are not accused of dissoluteness,   
 riot or unruly. % For a or unruly. 7 For a bishop must be   
 bishop must be blameless, under no imputation, as being the   
 as the steward of God; ssteward of God; not selfwilled, «state.   
 not selfwilled, not soon t Ki. Cor.   
 angry, not given to wine, not soon angry, not ta brawler, not ,}2.,   
 no striker, not given to a striker, "not greedy of gain; [atit's   
 Jilthy lucre; \* but a@ lover . . 8.   
 of hospitality, a lover of 8 but \*a lover of hospitality, a lover ¥} Tim,   
 good men, sober, just, fast . : 8. 1 Pet.   
 the faithful word as he of goodness, ; sober-minded, fast holy, x?rim.iii2,   
 hath been taught, that he faithful word A Be.   
 may be able by sound doc- teaching, that he according able both 2tiim.i   
 trine both to exhort and &iv.   
 to convince the gainsayers. to exhort \*in the sound doctrine, a12im,s.0.   
 and to rebuke the i rers, 2,7   
 gainsayers, 30   
 children (for he who cannot bring his own a lover of good (compare the opposite, 2   
 children to the faith, how shall he bring ‘Tim. iii. It is hardly likely to mean a   
 others ?) who are not under (involved in) lover of good men, coming so immediately   
 accusation of profligacy (see Eph. v. 18, after “a lover of hospitality”), self-re-   
 note), or insubordinate (respecting the strained (or, sober-minded, see 1 Tim. ii-9,   
 reason of these conditions affecting his note. I am not satisfied with these ren-   
 household, sec 1 Tim. iii. I have derings, but adopt them for want ofa better:   
 treated in the Introd. § i., argument. discreet is perhaps preferable), just,   
 which Baur and De Wette have drawn (see on these, and their distinction, in   
 from these descriptions for dating our notes on Eph. iv. 24: 1 Thess. ii. con-   
 Epistles in the second century). tinent (here, though that is the primary   
 7 ff.) For it behoves a bishop (or, over- meaning, the sense need not be limited to:   
 seer: see note, 1 Tim. iii. 2; here most sexual continence, but may be spread over   
 plainly identified the presbyter spoken the whole range of the indulgences); hold-   
 of before. So Theodoret: “Hence it is ing fast (constantly keeping to, and not.   
 plain that they called the presbyters, letting go.—Then how are we to take the   
 bishops”) to be under no accusation, as following words? Is the faithful word   
 God's steward (see 1 Tim. iii. 15, to according to the teaching equivalent to (1)   
 image, that of a responsible servant and the word which is faithful according tothe   
 dispensator [1 Pet. iv. 10] in the house of teaching, or (2) the faithful word which is   
 God, the allusion perhaps is, rather than to. according to the teaching ? (1) is taken by   
 that of 1 Cor. iv.1. here is clearly no Wiesinger and Conybeare [the words which   
 allusion to the biskop’s own household, are faithful to (?) our teaching]: (2) by   
 as some suppose. Mack well remarks, Chrysostom, Theophylact, and almost. ail   
 meaning perhaps however more than the Commentators, and 1 believe rightly. For,   
 words convey, ‘‘ God’s steward :—conse- to omit the reason derived the arrange-   
 quently spiritual superiors are not merely ment of the original, the epithet faithful,   
 servants and commissioned agents of the absolute, is so commonly attached to a   
 Church. According to the Apostle’s teach- saying in these Epistles [1 Tim. i. 15;   
 ing, chureh government does uot grow up iii, 1; iv. 9: 2 Tim. ii. 11: ch. iii. 8]   
 out of the ground”), not selfwilled (“a as to incline us, especially with the above   
 bishop who would command the atfeetions reason, to take it absolutely here also. I   
 of those whom he governs, must not be therefore render accordingly) the faithful   
 self-willed, so to act on his own opinion, (true, trustworthy, see on 1 Tim. i.15)   
 and counsel and without the mind of those word (which is) according to (measured   
 whom he rules. For that would be tyran- by, or in accordance with) the instruction   
 nical.” Theophylact), not soon provoked, [which he has received], that he may be   
 nota brawler, not a striker (for these, able both to exhort (believers) in (the ele-   
 see 1 Tim. iii, 3, not greedy of gain ment of his exhortation) the sound doctrine   
 (1 Tim. iii. but a lover of hospi- (the teaching which is healthy), and to   
 tality (1 Tim. iii. note, and 8 John 5), rebuke (sce ver. 13 below) the gainsayers,