

## ~REASONABLENESS (64)

[Greek, *e-pi-ei-kes*]

- The Greek word *e-pi-ei-kes*, which is translated, reasonableness, has been defined as meaning, seemly, fitting, hence, equitable, fair, moderate, forbearing, not insisting on the letter of the Law, it expresses that considerateness that looks humanely and reasonably at the facts of a case. [Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words, 1981, Vol. 2, pp. 144,145]
- Reasonableness is a distinctive feature of heavenly wisdom.
- But the wisdom from above is first of all chaste, then peaceable, **reasonable**, ready to obey, full of mercy and good fruits, not making partial distinctions, not hypocritical. (James 3:17)
- It is a quality that a man who is appointed as an overseer in a Christian congregation must have.
- The overseer should therefore be irreprehensible, a husband of one wife, moderate in habits, sound in mind, orderly, hospitable, qualified to teach. (1 Timothy 3:2)
- Not a drunken brawler, not a smiter, but **reasonable**, not belligerent, not a lover of money. (1 Timothy 3:3)
- He would have to be **reasonable** with himself, in dealing with others, and in his view of problems. Also, Christians generally are encouraged to be **reasonable**. The apostle Paul counseled the Philippians; Let your **reasonableness**, yieldingness, **Int** become known to all men.
- Let your **reasonableness** become known to all men. The Lord is near. (Philippians 4:5)
- And Titus was instructed to remind the Christians of Crete to be **reasonable**, literally, **yielding**.
- Continue reminding them to be in subjection and be obedient to governments and authorities as rulers, to be ready for every good work. (Titus 3:1)

- **To speak injuriously of no one, not to be belligerent, to be reasonable, exhibiting all mildness toward all men. (Titus 3:2)**  
**Footnote**
- **This was especially fitting, since the inhabitants of Crete as a whole had the reputation of being liars, injurious wild beasts, and unemployed gluttons.**
- **A certain one of them, their own prophet, said; Cretans are always liars, injurious wild beasts, unemployed gluttons. (Titus 1:12)**
- **Let house servants be in subjection to their owners with all due fear, not only to the good and reasonable, but also to those hard to please. (1 Peter 2:18)**
- **House servants are admonished to be in subjection to their owners with all due fear, not only to the good and reasonable, but also to those hard to please.**