



Church Leadership Qualities

Titus 1:5-16 (NIV)

Paul has entrusted Titus to this very large task of appointing elders in every town in Crete.

Paul Gives Titus A List Of Qualifications For The Elders And Overseers

Titus 1:5-9 *The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. ⁶An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. ⁷Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless--not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁸Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. ⁹He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.*

1. Blameless – Law abiding, upstanding member of the community
2. Husband of but one wife. (Parallel teaching in 1 Timothy 3)
3. A man whose children are believers
An overseer – manager of God's household - stresses again blameless – above reproach
4. Not overbearing... that is arrogant or bossy
5. Not quick tempered
6. Not given to drunkenness
7. Not violent
8. Not pursuing dishonest gain
All of these “nots” are traits of a life controlled by the flesh – reflecting worldly attitudes as we read about in Romans 8:6-7. Leaders of the church must live spirit-controlled lives that will point others toward Christ.
9. Hospitable
10. Loves what is good
11. Self-controlled

Galatians 5:22-23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

12. Upright
13. Holy
14. Disciplined
15. Hold firmly to the trustworthy message

This is the Gospel of Grace that we have been given through Jesus Christ that Paul speaks of in 3 places in this letter to Titus, 1:1-3, 2:11-14 and 3:4-7.

That we may be able to **TEACH** and **ENCOURAGE** others and that we can **REFUTE** those who oppose it.

There Are Many False Teachers In Our Midst

Titus 1:10-16 *For there are many rebellious people, full of meaningless talk and deception, especially those of the circumcision group. ¹¹They must be silenced, because they are disrupting whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach--and that for the sake of dishonest gain. ¹²One of Crete's own prophets has said it: "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons." ¹³This saying is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith ¹⁴and will pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the merely human commands of those who reject the truth. ¹⁵To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. ¹⁶They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.*

1. Many subordinate men had arisen to defy the authority of the apostles
2. They were ruining whole households
3. They were out for money
4. They were liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons
5. Those who reject the truth.
6. They claim to know God but their actions deny Him

Through the Gospel there is hope for the worst of men. Paul instructs Titus to rebuke them sharply that they may be sound in their faith. There is hope for becoming gracious, pure and fruitful believers.