

Titus Bible Study: Lesson 3

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Titus 1:5-9 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: 6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. 7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; 8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; 9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

- I. To establish the church Titus was to look for characteristics of men and their families in the church.
 - A. Blameless: To not be called into account for violating the authority structures that are God given.
 - B. Marriage relationship that demonstrates the authority structure of the home.
 - C. Children in the home should be working to reinforce the unity in the home.
 - 1. Faithful: the overall view of the children are in the best interest of the home.
 - 2. Not accused of riot or unruly living: children are not aggressively seeking the destruction of the structure of the home.
- II. Bishop leaders are to understand the authority structures that are all God given.
 - A. Blameless: understands his role in the authority structure.
 - B. Steward of God: God's manager for the church to make sure all needs are met.
 - C. Not Selfwilled: not to be arrogant
 - D. Not soon given to anger: not a hot head ready to blow at any time.

- E. Not given to wine: nothing should be in the way of serving at a moments notice.
- F. No Striker: not to desire to have owns way or quit. Looking for a reason to argue or fight.
- G. Not given to filthy lucre: not seeking physical payments for spiritual work. But using physical payments to further the work. Money not the ends.
- H. Given to Hospitality: Serve as a steward of God to meet the needs of others.
- I. Lover of Good Men: Work to make those who want to serve God, better in their walk with the Lord. (negative: do not spend all time on the "squeaky wheel")
- J. Sober: mind to be fresh and alert an thinking at all times
- K. Just: know the difference between right and wrong.
- L. Holy: focus to be Christ like in all that we do.
- M. Temperate: In focus on Christ with the strength not to move to the right or left.

III. The preaching purpose of the pastor

- A. Holding fast the faithful word: Stay true to the Bible
- B. Teach the word as he was taught to another
 - 1. Exhort those who want to serve God
 - 2. Convince the gainsayer: those who are speaking against you.