

TITUS 1:5-9
Lesson #3

1. Begin with prayer. Confess any sin before you enter into studying God's Word.

Day One

2. What did you apply from last week's lesson? Share it with someone this week.
3. Read 1:5-9 and look over your paragraph summary from Lesson 1B for this section.
4. In the opening of Titus, Paul says that he serves in order that God's chosen might be built up in truth which is according to godliness. In order to build up believers in truth according to godliness, Paul sent Titus on a special mission. In verse 5 Paul lists two tasks that Titus was to accomplish. What were they?
5. What can we infer about the cities in Crete referred to in verse 5?
6. In verse 5, who was to be appointed and what are their functions according to Acts 6:1-7, 13:1-3, 15:1-6; 1 Peter 5:1-3; Titus 1:9; and 1 Timothy 3:1-7?

Day Two

7. In the next few verses, we see that God's leader has a high standard. Look up the term "above reproach" (G410) used in Titus 1:6-7 to find out what it means.

8. When God's leader is "above reproach," what does his life look like? How does a person build these character traits and lifestyle choices into his/her life?

9. In 1:6 the next quality listed for God's leader is "husband of one wife." What does this mean? Did the apostle, Paul, meet this requirement? (Matthew 8:14; 1 Corinthians 7:8-9, 39, 9:5)

10. When God's leader is "a husband of one wife," what does his life look like? How does a person build these character traits and lifestyle choices into his/her life?

11. What is the third quality listed in verse 6? This third quality is much debated in conservative circles because of the word "believe." Use your Bible resources to look up the word in its original meaning. Fill in the chart below to fully study all the words used in describing this quality.

Term in NASB	Term in KJV	Strong's #	Greek Word	Definition
		G4103		
		G2724		
		G810		
		G506		

12. According to these qualities, what is a church leader's home to look like?

Pray:

- Pray that God would build these character traits in your husband and son(s).
- Pray that God would cause your church leaders to have these qualities.

Day 3

13. In 1:7 the “for” at the beginning gives a reason as to why the overseer must be above reproach in his own home. What is the reason? Answer the question after you define the following word.

Term in ASB	Term in KJV	Strong’s #	Greek Word	Definition
		G3623		

14. What responsibilities does this bring to your mind? How attractive is this kind of job? What kind of person would aspire to this position?

15. Titus 1:7 says that God’s steward is not to be “self-willed” or “quick-tempered.” Fill in the chart to understand the meanings more fully.

Term in NASB	Term in KJV	Strong’s #	Greek Word	Definition
		G829		
		G3711		

16. A quick temper is not a suitable character quality for a leader. Why would this quality not be acceptable for a leader?

17. The Proverbs warn against a quick temper. To what does a quick temper lead (Proverbs 14:29; 15:1,18; 19:11,19)? What fruit of the Spirit is the opposite of “quick-tempered” (Galatians 5:22-23)?

18. Moses is an example of a leader who was not quick-tempered or self-willed. Read Numbers 12 and describe his characteristics.

Pray:

- Pray that God would build these characters in your husband and son(s).
- Pray that God would cause your church leaders to have these qualities.

Day 4

19. The next character quality in 1:7 is “not addicted to wine” (cf. 1 Tim. 3:8). What are the principles to consider when evaluating consumption of alcohol, whether or not you are an elder? (1 Corinthians 8:9-13; Romans 6:12-14)

20. Look up the word “pugnacious” (G4131) and fill in the table below. How is this term similar and/or different from being quick-tempered? Why could this be a problem for a leader?

Term in NASB	Term in KJV	Strong’s #	Greek Word	Definition
		G4131		

21. The church elder is also to be “not fond of sordid gain.” Why is this a problem according to Jude 11 and 2 Peter 2:3? Why would this quality not be acceptable for a leader? What would this quality look like in someone’s life?

Pray:

- Pray that God would build these character qualities in your husband and son(s).
- Pray that God would cause your church leaders to have these qualities also.

Day 5

22. Look at 1:8 in the Appendix on “Titus Translation Comparisons,” and use a highlighter to mark synonyms for the various descriptions of the elder. Define any words with which you are unfamiliar.

Eager Beaver: Define these words from Titus 1:8.

Term in NASB	Term in KJV	Strong's #	Greek Word	Definition
		G5382		
		G5358		
		G4998		
		G1342		
		G3741		
		G1468		

23. List the six terms from 1:8 and write a summary for each of how these characteristics play out in a leader's life and why each of these qualities would be important for a leader.

Pray:

- Pray that God would build these character qualities in your husband and son(s).
- Pray that God would cause your church leaders to have these qualities as well.

24. The qualifications that Paul has mentioned so far have to do with a leader's spiritual character and attitude in everyday life. At the same time, the leader is to do something of utmost importance. According to 1:9, what is it that he must do, how is it to be done, and what benefit will it produce for the body of Christ?

25. How is an elder/teacher held more responsible according to James 3:1?

Application:

26. Apply the lesson from this week by asking yourself:

a. Have I learned something new about God?

b. Is there a promise on which I can meditate today that gives me hope?

Talk to God:

Praise and thanksgiving:

Confession:

Requests for self and others: