

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Titus 1:5-16

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Titus 1:5-16

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

5 For this reason I left you in Crete,
that you would set in order what remains
and appoint elders in every city as I directed you,

6 *namely*, if any man is above reproach,
the husband of one wife,
having children who believe,
not accused of dissipation or rebellion.

7 For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward,
not self-willed,
not quick-tempered,
not addicted to wine,
not pugnacious,
not fond of sordid gain,

8 but hospitable,
loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled,

9 holding fast the faithful word
which is in accordance with the teaching,
so that he will be able both to exhort
in sound doctrine
and to refute those who contradict.

10 For there are many rebellious men,
empty talkers
and deceivers,
especially those of the circumcision,

11 who must be silenced
because they are upsetting whole families,
teaching things they should not *teach*
for the sake of sordid gain.

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- 12** One of themselves,
a prophet of their own, said,
“Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.”
13 This testimony is true.
For this reason reprove them severely
so that they may be sound
in the faith,
14 not paying attention
to Jewish myths
and commandments
of men
who turn away
from the truth.
- 15** To the pure, all things are pure;
but to those who are defiled
and unbelieving,
nothing is pure,
but both their mind
and their conscience are defiled.
- 16** They profess to know God,
but by *their* deeds they deny Him,
being detestable
and disobedient
and worthless for any good deed.

- 1. What is the reason that Paul left Titus in Crete?**
- 2. How many elders are to be appointed in each of these churches?**
- 3. What does it mean to “set in order what remains?”**
- 4. What is significant about Crete that Paul would leave Titus there?**
- 5. Who was Titus?**

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6. What was Titus's relationship to Paul?
7. Why was Titus appointing elders instead of Paul?
8. How are elders appointed according to this passage? On what basis/credentials?

❖ Day 2

Read Titus 1:5-8

9. What kinds of things might you expect to be on a list of qualifications for selecting overseers that you do not see here?
10. How does the gospel find itself central to the elder qualifications listed in these verses?
11. Who are overseers according to these verses?
12. Why might Paul use the term overseer (vs 7) additionally to elder (vs 5)?
13. Why does the content of these verses matter for the average church member?

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14. What does it mean to be above reproach?

15. What does it mean to not be pugnacious?

16. What does it mean to not be fond of sordid gain?

❖ Day 3

Read Titus 1:5-8

17. What is a synonym for “the faithful word?”

18. How is teaching addressed in these verses? Why is this significant for the role of elder?

19. What is practical purpose(s) Paul mentions for choosing men who are holding fast to the faithful word?

20. What are the elders supposed to use to be able to exhort?

21. How might an elder “refute those who contradict” sound doctrine? What does that practically look like?

22. What is the problem Titus was facing among Cretans that would require him to hold fast to the sound doctrine?

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- 23. Why is Titus to “reprove them severely?”**
- 24. How does Paul describe those who need to be corrected? What evidence is there for need of correction in their lives?**
- 25. In your own words summarize the main point of the passage in one sentence.**
- 26. In your own words summarize the qualifications for an elder.**
- 27. In your own words explain how this passage speaks to the importance of an elder being able to hold fast to the gospel and Word of God?**

In preparation for Sunday, pray that your elders would hold fast to the faithful Word. Pray that you would be inclined to hear the faithful word preached and respond correctly to it. Pray for boldness in your elders to reprove with the Word when necessary. Pray you would not be one in need of re-proof, but that your thoughts, actions, and attitudes would be in alignment with Scripture. Confess any areas you may not be holding fast to the faithful Word.