

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Titus 1:5-8

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 1:5-8**

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,

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?"

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- 4. What is significant about Crete that Paul would leave Titus there?**
- 5. Who was Titus?**
- 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)?**

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**13. Why does the content of these verses matter for the average church member?**

**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?**

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**22. In your own words summarize the main point of the passage in one sentence.**

**23. In your own words summarize the qualifications for an elder.**