

**Shepherds, Not CEOs**  
**Titus 1:5-9**  
**Sunday, August 3, 2025**

**Big Idea: Jesus builds His church through surrendered shepherds.**

**1. Elders Bring Stability Not Celebrity**

**Titus 1:5** “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.”

**2. Elders Reflect Christ Not Charisma**

**Titus 1:6–8:** “An 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. **7** Since 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. **8** Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined.”

**3. Elders Love the Word Not the World**

**Titus 1:9.** “He 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.”