

Week 2:

Why Godliness in Leadership Matters

Titus

Questions

1. Where is God asking you to take greater responsibility in your faith, relationships, family, or service to others?
2. Read Titus 1:6. How does the way you treat the people closest to you reflect your relationship with Jesus? What is one way you can demonstrate greater patience, faithfulness, or love in your closest relationships?
3. Read Titus 1:7. Which is more difficult for you: admitting when you are wrong, controlling your reactions, or putting someone else's needs before your own? Why?
4. What situations tend to reveal areas where you struggle with patience, humility, or self-control?
5. Read Titus 1:8. This passage calls leaders to be hospitable, loving what is good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. Which of these qualities do you most want God to develop in you?
6. Is there a difference between the person others see you as and the person you are when no one is watching? What might God want to change?

Scripture References

Titus 1:1b

...knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness

Titus 1:5-9

⁵The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint^[a] elders in every town, as I directed you. ⁶An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe^[b] and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. ⁷Since 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. ⁸Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. ⁹He 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.

Acts 20:28

²⁸Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God,^[a] which he bought with his own blood.^[b]

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1 Peter 5:1-4

5 To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: 2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; 3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

Ephesians 4:11-13

¹¹ Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. ¹² Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. ¹³ This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

Takeaways

- Titus Overview
 - Intro – Godly Leaders for the Church – Godly People at Home – Godly Citizens in the Society – Close
- What is order important for the Church?
 - God is a God of order not chaos, peace not hostility, and unity not division – and His people should be a reflection of that.
- How do elders provide that sort of order
 - Elder, pastor, overseer, and shepherd are titles used interchangeable in the New Testament. They all refer to the Spiritual Leadership of the Church.
- Corporate Leadership: goals accomplished through people.
- Spiritual Leadership: developing people for God's purposes
- Elders:
 - Role: Humbly shepherd God's people through teaching, equipping, and godly example.
 - Goal: Build up God's people toward unity, maturity, and active service in Christ.
- Blameless (or above reproach) means living with such integrity before God and others that no legitimate accusation of wrongdoing can be sustained against your character.
- What qualities should elders possess and why?
 - Qualities of an Elder
 - Faithfulness & leadership to their family

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- Strength of morality & character
- Solid understanding of and ability to teach the Word
- Not all are called to be elders, but all are called to reflect the fullness of Christ – and that is why this all matters so much.