

Devotional thoughts for the week leading up to April 15, 2018

What does godly leadership look like? What is it I should desire to have as characteristics of my Christian life? Paul exhorts Titus to go and appoint elders in every city. What should he seek to find as he looks for those who will lead churches? Note what Paul says and then as we finish the book in our reading—consider three other characteristics of a healthy church?

*Monday — read TITUS 1:5-9 – note what he lists with this clear thought—aren't these traits for which every Christian should strive? Where are you strongest and where do you find a struggle?*

*Tuesday – read TITUS 3:1-3 – remember what we were like as we are called upon to 'show every consideration for all people.'*

*Wednesday – read TITUS 3:4-7 – look at the mercy God showed us! Think about the wonderful words used here to describe His work—saved, washed, renewed, poured, justified, made us heirs. Give thanks for what He has given!*

*Thursday – read TITUS 3:8-15 – note the contrast between doing that which is good and dealing with that which is wrong. Healthy churches need to do both things in order to stay healthy.*

*Friday – read 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7 – focus on verse 1 and the 'fine work' desired when one seeks to be a leader. Once again, as you note these verses ask if any of these are 'exclusively' meant for leaders or whether they should apply to every Christian.*

*Saturday — read 1 TIMOTHY 3:8-13 – notice the high standards set for those who would be deacons and possibly deaconesses. Imagine if every Christian aspired to have these qualities thriving in life!*

*Sunday — read TITUS 1:5-9 -- in preparation for the sermon today.*