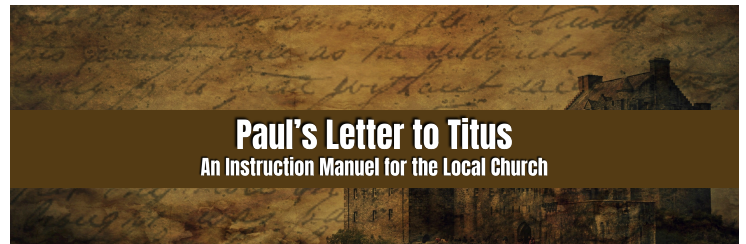


**How to Set Up a Healthy Church:  
Godly, Humble  
Leaders who show what Christian  
Maturity looks like**

August 18, 2024 – Titus 1:5-9  
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**Notes:**

**Point 1: "Straightening Things Out Will Require Christ-like Leadership and Modelling" v. 5**

**Point 2: "Godly Leadership Starts Close to Home" v. 6-7a**

**Point 3: " Ways Not to Lead: Selfish and Angry" v. 7b**

**Point 4: "Positive Traits: Soaked in the Word and the Good" v. 8**

**Point 5: "Handling the Two Sides of Teaching the Truth" v. 9**

## Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think Paul means when he tells Titus to "straighten out what was left unfinished" on Crete? What sort of things make a church more complete?
2. Why does Paul start on his description of an appropriate elder by emphasizing his relationship to wife and children? Doesn't it seem tough that Paul twice emphasizes the elder should be "blameless"? What does "blameless" seem to mean here?
3. What seems to link together all the characteristics to be avoided by an elder (and hence by all mature believers) in v. 7?
4. Likewise, what seems to link together all the positive characteristics to be practiced by an elder (and hence all mature believers!) in v. 8? How do these characteristics work together to form one's character?
5. What do you make of the two opposite poles of teaching "the trustworthy message"--"encourage" and "refute"? What does this say about the significance of "sound doctrine"? What are ways to "encourage" without being too soft, and to "refute" without being overly harsh?

Lord, how can man preach thy eternal word?  
 He is a brittle crazy glass;  
 Yet in thy temple thou dost him afford  
 This glorious and transcendent place,  
 To be a window, through thy grace.

But when thou dost anneal in glass thy story,  
 Making thy life to shine within  
 The holy preachers, then the light and glory

More reverend grows, and more doth win;  
 Which else shows waterish, bleak, and thin.

Doctrine and life, colors and light, in one  
 When they combine and mingle, bring  
 A strong regard and awe; but speech alone  
 Doth vanish like a flaring thing,  
 And in the ear, not conscience, ring.

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Day 1: Exodus 32	Day 1: Exodus 37	Day 1: Leviticus 2	Day 1: Leviticus 7
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Day 3: Exodus 34	Day 3: Exodus 39	Day 3: Leviticus 4	Day 3: Hebrews 3
Day 4: Exodus 35	Day 4: Exodus 40	Day 4: Leviticus 5	Day 4: Hebrews 4
Day 5: Exodus 36	Day 5: Leviticus 1	Day 5: Leviticus 6	Day 5: Hebrews 5
<p><sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again.</p> <p><sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John 10:17-18 (NIV)</p>			