

Titus
 Greetings & Elder
 Qualifications

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Greetings – 1:1

- Typical Epistle (Letter) opening; differs from ours.
- Paul, the Apostles to the Gentiles is the writer.
- Servant = *doulos* = slave.
- Servant = diakonos = servant-minister
- Paul is a *doulos* = a slave without rights.
- Sometimes - bonds slave; they choose to be a slave.
- Slave for the faith of Believers, a faith that leads to godliness (reverence for God in their living; heart).

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Greetings – 1:4

- Paul is a slave so that others can inherit eternal life.
- Eternal life in God who is unable to lie, and eternal life was promised before time began.
- The Fall did not affect God’s plan of eternal life.
- Now in the NT age, Salvation is more clearly understood.
- Paul is entrusted to preach the entire OT as well as salvation and this was a command of God to Him.
- Paul was a mentor to Titus.
- Common faith – THE faith (Jude 3).

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Elders 1:5-9

- Paul left Titus in Crete to continue the work and appoint Elders (from within) in every town.
- This took work; discipleship, mentoring, etc.
- Elder Qualifications (Overseer of God’s household):
 - Blameless – Not perfect but no charge of wrongdoing.
 - Husband of one wife – fidelity in marriage.
 - Faithful children – no perfect but not wild/rebellious.
 - Not arrogant – self-willed, stubborn, no narcissism.
 - Hot Tempered – not looking for a verbal argument.

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Elders 1:5-9 - Continued

- Excessive drinker – not a drunkard; not addicted.
- Not a bully – overbearing, intimidating, abusive.
- Greedy for money – money/profit is not his God.
- Hospitable – loves strangers, treats others cordially.
- Loving what is good – self explanatory.
- Sensible – prudent, modest, chaste, temperate.
- Righteous – upright, fair, equitable.
- Holy – Saved and lives for the Lord (not perfectly).
- Self Controlled – control over desires (not perfectly).

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Elders 1:5-9 - Continued

- Holding to the faithful message as taught – sound in faith; holds & guards the essentials of the faith.
- Encourage with sound teaching – help with truth.
- Refute those who contradict truth – not allow the poison of untruth into the church.
 - Must know the truth (Unity, Liberty, Love)
 - Refute false truth (prudently)
 - Allow the Lord to work.
 - The church MUST model this across ALL ages.

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