

NEEDED

Titus 1:5-9

FROM PASTOR CURT

In Titus 1:5-9, Paul is giving Titus a “Big Ministry Assignment.” He is to “Set Things In Order” and to “Appoint Elders in Every City” on the Island of Crete. These Elders had to be “Qualified” in order to become leaders in Christ’s Church. Some of the qualifications are given in these 5 verses. There are several other Scriptural Passages that should be included when considering Elder qualifications. (I Tim. 3; I Peter 5)

I. NEEDED...CHRIST-LIKE FAMILY MODELS (5-6)

1. Who Is An Elder?

- a. Pastor (Shepherd!) - Guidance & Protection.
- b. Teacher - Nurturing & Feeding.
- c. Manager - All Facets – Ministry.

The New Testament Always Speaks of Elders (Leadership Team). It is always a plurality of leadership

2. Basic Qualifications...

- a. Being Blameless - Good Reputation.
- b. Being Husband ... 1 Wife - 1 Woman Man.
- c. Having ...Well Managed Home - Not Wildly Disobedient.
 - It’s Important to Interpret These Qualifications in Context. (I Tim. 3)
 - There Are No Perfect Homes/Families.

II. NEEDED...CHRIST-LIKE MEN (7-8)

1. What An Elder Should NOT Be (7).

- (Bad Reputation) (11)
- Overbearing – Self Willed.
- Quick Tempered – Loses Control.
- Given to Wine – Controlled By Wine.
- Violent - Striker.
- Pursuing Dishonest Gain – Greedy for money.

* A Man Entrusted With God's Work Should Be Free From These Characteristics.

2. What An Elder Should Be (8).

- (Good Reputation)
- Being Hospitable - Sharing Material Blessings.
- Loving What Is Good - Pursuing Good.
- Self - Controlled - Sound Mind.
- Living An Upright/Holy Life - Practical Holiness.
- Living A Disciplined Life – Strict Training.

* These Characteristics Are Marks of Spiritual Maturity For All Believers.

III. NEEDED... A TRUSTWORTHY MESSENGER (9)

1. He Holds Firmly... The Faithful Word (Sound Doctrine).

- He Doesn't Waver ...His Trust of God's Word.
(2 Tim. 2:15)

2. He Encourages Others...The Faithful Word (Sound Doctrine).

- He Gives Instruction To Believers (I Thess. 4:16-18; 5:9-11).

3. He Refutes Others... The Faithful Word (Sound Doctrine).

- He Rebukes Those Who Oppose (Acts 20:28-31)
- Paul's Primary Concern Was To Protect Believers From False Teachers.

APPLICATION...

1. Are You Willing To Pray Regularly For Our Elders and Spiritual Leaders at IBC?
2. Are You Willing To Pray Regularly For The Lord To Raise Up More Elders and Spiritual Leaders at IBC?
3. Are You Willing To Pray Regularly That These Qualities Will Be Developing In Your Life?