

Qualifications for Elders

Titus 1:5-9 • March 6, 2022

⁵ This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—

⁶ if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination.

⁷ For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain,

I. Why did Paul leave Titus on the Island of Crete?

- a. Elders are vital for the health of the church. (v5)

- b. Multiple elders are needed in every town (church). Examples: Acts 14:23, 20:17

II. What does an elder look like? His character and ability can be seen and experienced.

- a. Above reproach in his family (v6)

- b. Above reproach as God's house manager (v7)

- c. In relation to others by the absence of vices (v7)

⁸ but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.

⁹ He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

d. In relation to others by the presence of virtues (v8)

e. In his ability to cling to God's word and apply it by teaching and correcting (v9)

III. Application

- a. Why is this crucial for the church of today?

- b. What is the process for becoming an elder at FBC? (see handout)