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Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness, in the hope of eternal life that God, who cannot lie, promised before time began. In his own time he has revealed his word in the preaching with which I was entrusted by the command of God our Savior:

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To Titus, my true son in our common faith.

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

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The reason I left you in Crete was to set right what was left undone and, as I directed you, to appoint elders in every town. An elder must be blameless, the husband of one wife, with faithful children who are not accused of wildness or rebellion.

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As an overseer of God's household, he must be blameless, not arrogant, not hot-tempered, not an excessive drinker, not a bully, not greedy for money, but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, righteous, holy, self-controlled, holding to the faithful message as taught, so that he will be able both to encourage with sound teaching and to refute those who contradict it.

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For there are many rebellious people, full of empty talk and deception, especially those from the circumcision party. It is necessary to silence them; they are ruining entire households by teaching what they shouldn't in order to get money dishonestly.

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One of their very own prophets said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.” This testimony is true. For this reason, rebuke them sharply, so that they may be sound in the faith and may not pay attention to Jewish myths and the commands of people who reject the truth.

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To the pure, everything is pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; in fact, both their mind and conscience are defiled. They claim to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, and unfit for any good work.

Titus 1v1-16 (CSB)

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The gospel's impact is **transformational** not transactional.

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The gospel produces faith, knowledge, and hope.

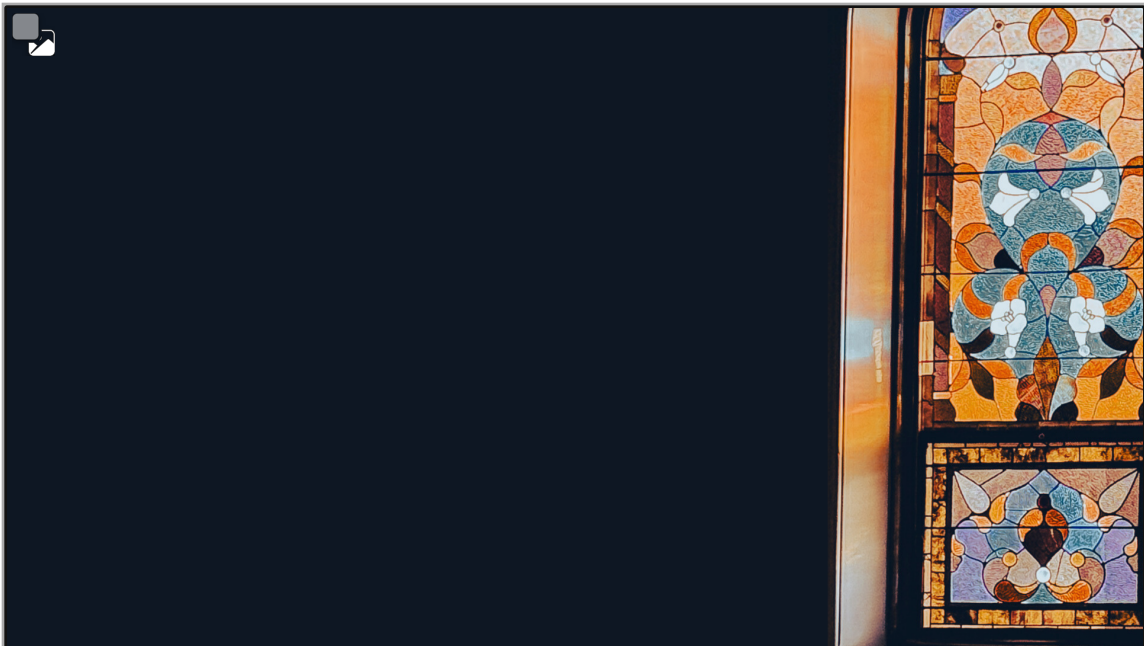
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The gospel **builds leaders with Christlike character to lead the church.**

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Elders (Overseers) are servant-leaders in Jesus' church, those who have been transformed by the gospel, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and given spiritual authority to guide, guard, and give shape to Jesus' church.

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In the New Testament, **elder** (*presbyteros*) and **overseer** (*episkopos*) refer to the same role in the church.

Acts 20 — Elders are called overseers
1 Peter 5 — Elders are to serve as overseers
Philippians 1v1 — Overseers listed because they are the elders
Titus 1v5-9 — Elders appointed; overseer qualifications given

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Presbyteros (elder) describes the **character** of the person.
Episkopos (overseer) describes the **function** of the person.

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Elders are men whose character is: socially respectable, faithful in marriage and family, self-controlled, hospitable, teachable and able to teach, a maturing disciple of Jesus.

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Leaders do more than teach truth; their lives make truth believable.

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ELDER BOARD



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LUCAS
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The Elders of CrossPoint Alliance Church are the spiritual shepherds over the church (as laid out in 1 Timothy 3v1-7, Titus 1v5-9, 1 Peter 5v1-4, and Acts 20v17-35) and hold responsibility for appropriate oversight of church polity.

Their role is to lead, guard and give shape to these major areas of the church: **direction, doctrine, care and correction, stewardship, and governance.**

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Elder's Commitment to the Active Members at CrossPoint

- Hold faithfully to the gospel
- Shepherd the church with care
- Exercise appropriate oversight
- Hold fast to the Word of God
- Maintain fiscal responsibility
- Follow through with care and correction if and when necessary
- Generously invest in the needs of our community and world like Jesus
- Maintain a high standard of biblical leadership
- Investing in future leadership for the church of CrossPoint

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The gospel **guards** the church by God's grace.

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How to identify a false teacher:

Their identity (Titus 1v10)

Their lies (Titus 1v10-11)

Their character (Titus 1v12-14)

Their fruit (Titus 1v15-16)

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Truly Christian “rebuke” always seeks reconciliation and restoration to the truth.

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Real lies form lives away from Jesus’ way.

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The gospel **transforms, builds, and guards** the church.

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We guard the gospel as a church by living it, together.

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We form leaders patiently, not pragmatically.

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We care about who we are becoming.

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Preparing for Communion:

**Thank Jesus
Examine
Confess
Receive**



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