

## Titus We're All Pastors: Equipping the Next Generation

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Appointing Elders
"Loving What is Good"
Titus 1:5-9
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<u>Theme:</u> Titus' role in the churches on the island of Crete is to "put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town" (1:9). So here he gives the qualifications for elders in the church (cf. 1 Timothy 3:1-7). Biblically-grounded and Spirit-led leadership is essential for the healthy functioning of the church.

## **Outline:**

- 1. The Reasons Titus is to Appoint Elders
- 2. Qualifications for Elders
  - a. Blameless
  - b. Faithful to his wife (not single? are women excluded?)

c. Having children who believe/are faithful, and are not disruptive or disobedient d. Not overbearing, quick-tempered or violent e. Not abusing alcohol or drugs f. Having integrity with finances g. Hospitable h. Loves what is good i. Self-controlled and disciplined j. Upright and holy k. Competent in and committed to biblical truth

**Takeaway**: Godly and Spirit-led leadership is the key to a successful church.

## **Next Cove:**

Date: February 3, 2019

Title: Rebuking those who fail to do good

Scripture: Titus 1:10-16