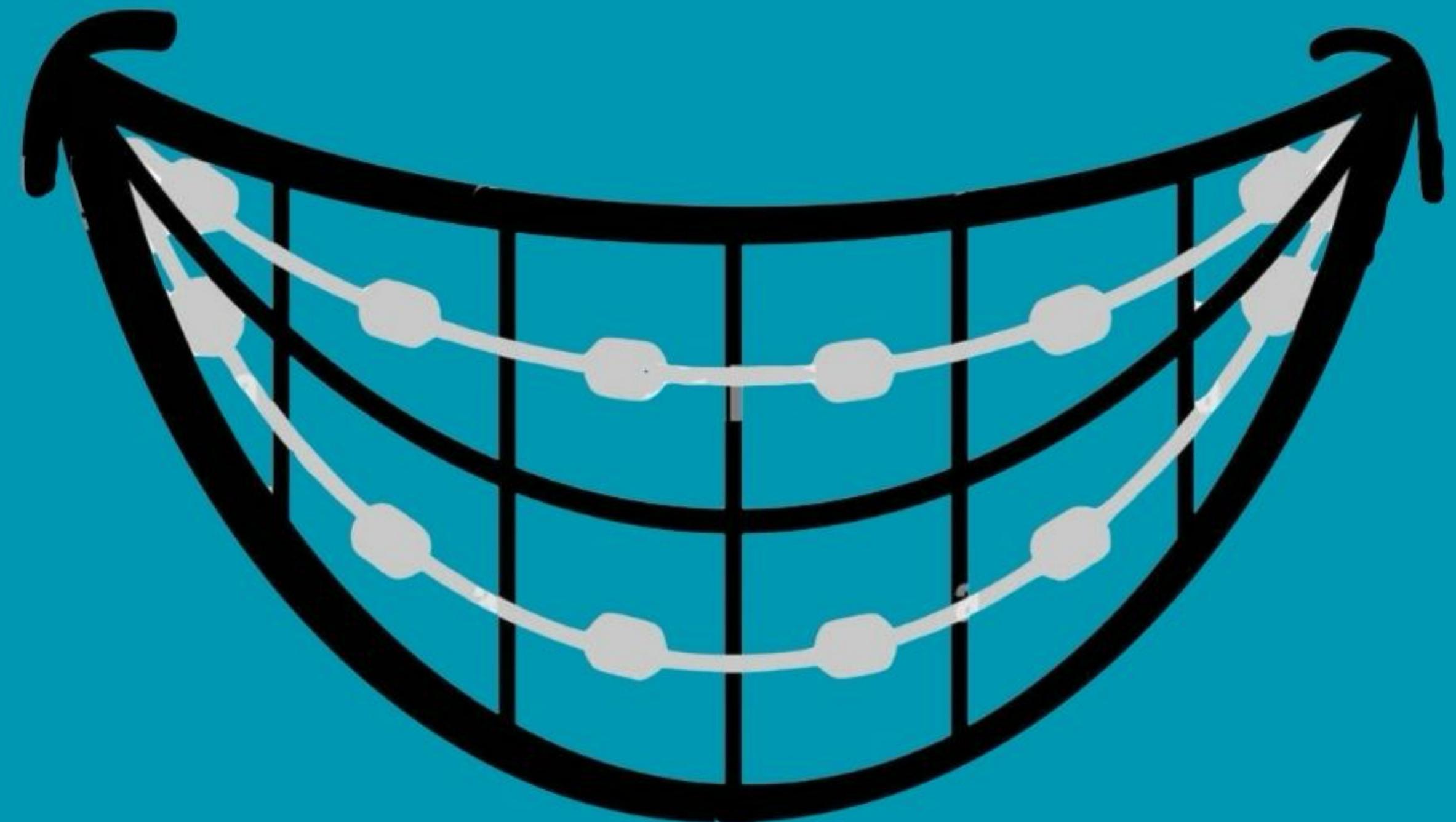


THE STRAIGHTENED-UP CHURCH



PAUL'S LETTER TO TITUS

“The Straightened-Up Church”
Paul’s Letter to Titus
Part 1 - “The Requirements of a Godly Pastor”
1.11.26

Series Big Idea: Just like the church in Crete, sometimes the modern-day church requires an “alignment” from God’s Word.

Today’s Thought: “Many times, the modern church would rather have a pastor with an MBA than an MDiv. The church is not a business, looking to draw a crowd; it is a body MADE to Worship, Witness, and Work. The pastor’s job is not to run a business or to be a charismatic personality who attracts people. The pastor is a shepherd of the Church Body. To truly understand the role of the Pastor, we must learn from the Bible and unlearn any unbiblical, man-made traditions.”

Titus 1:6-9 (NKJV)

A true pastor is....

1. A _____ called by _____.

- 2) A man of great _____.

- 3) A teacher of God’s Word who _____ and _____ presents truth; _____ the Word from those who try to make it say something it does not.

TITUS 1:1-5 (NKJV)

PAUL, A BONDSERVANT OF GOD AND AN APOSTLE OF JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO THE FAITH OF GOD'S ELECT AND THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE TRUTH WHICH ACCORDS WITH GODLINESS, ² IN HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE WHICH GOD, WHO CANNOT LIE, PROMISED BEFORE TIME BEGAN, ³ BUT HAS IN DUE TIME MANIFESTED HIS WORD THROUGH PREACHING, WHICH WAS COMMITTED TO ME ACCORDING TO THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD OUR SAVIOR; ⁴ TO TITUS, A TRUE SON IN OUR COMMON FAITH: GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE FROM GOD THE FATHER AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.

TITUS 1:1-5 (NKJV)

...5 FOR THIS REASON I LEFT YOU IN CRETE, THAT YOU SHOULD *SET IN ORDER* THE THINGS THAT ARE LACKING, AND APPOINT ELDERS IN EVERY CITY AS I COMMANDED YOU—

TITUS 1:1-5

AUTHOR: PAUL

TO: TITUS/THE CHURCH

**PURPOSE: STRAIGHTEN UP A
FEW ISSUES AND APPOINT**

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CRETE, SOMETIMES THE
MODERN-DAY CHURCH
REQUIRES AN “ALIGNMENT”
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PART 1 - CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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“THE REQUIREMENTS OF A GODLY PASTOR”

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TITUS 1:6-9 (NKJV)

⁶ IF A MAN IS BLAMELESS, THE HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE, HAVING FAITHFUL CHILDREN NOT ACCUSED OF DISSIPATION OR INSUBORDINATION. ⁷ FOR A BISHOP MUST BE BLAMELESS, AS A STEWARD OF GOD, NOT SELF-WILLED, NOT QUICK-TEMPERED, NOT GIVEN TO WINE, NOT VIOLENT, NOT GREEDY FOR MONEY, ⁸ BUT HOSPITABLE, A LOVER OF WHAT IS GOOD, SOBER-MINDED, JUST, HOLY, SELF-CONTROLLED, ⁹ HOLDING FAST THE FAITHFUL WORD AS HE HAS BEEN TAUGHT, THAT HE MAY BE ABLE, BY SOUND DOCTRINE, BOTH TO EXHORT AND CONVICT THOSE WHO CONTRADICT.

A TRUE PASTOR IS....

1) A MAN CALLED BY GOD.

- A MAN
- ANOINTED BY THE SPIRIT
- AFFIRMED BY THE BODY

A TRUE PASTOR IS....

2) A MAN OF GREAT CHARACTER.

- HE MUST BE ABOVE REPROACH IN HOW HE...
 - LOVES AND LEADS HIS FAMILY
 - MANAGES HIS EMOTIONS
 - EXHIBITS SELF-CONTROL
 - “OVERSEES” THE OPERATIONS OF THE CHURCH
 - LOVES THE PEOPLE HE SHEPHERDS

A TRUE PASTOR IS....

3) A TEACHER OF GOD'S WORD WHO ACCURATELY AND INTENTIONALLY PRESENTS TRUTH; GUARDING THE WORD FROM THOSE WHO TRY TO MAKE IT SAY SOMETHING IT DOES NOT.

“THE REQUIREMENTS OF A GODLY PASTOR”



Announcements

1.11.26

- If you intend to go on the Guatemala Mission trip, April 9-16, 2026, your \$300 deposit is due today. If arrangements need to be made for an extension, see Pastor Tanner or Dusty King.
- You are invited to attend a “Pampers and Wipes” Baby Shower honoring Abby Cannon on January 18, at 2:00 pm in the church fellowship hall.
- Please pick up any ornaments you may have at the church. If not picked up, they will be stored after this Sunday.
- D-Now Weekend is upon us (17-19 Jan). We have 27 students signed up! Please be in prayer this week for this event, specifically that the Holy Spirit moves in a powerful way.
- There will be a short Small Group Leader meeting on Sunday, January 25th, after the service.