



Titus

*...in all things show yourself
to be an example of good deeds...*

Agenda

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 - Positive Elder qualifications
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 - Reasons for Elders

Titus Outline

- Appointment of elders
- Correction of false teaching
- Importance of sound doctrine
- Conduct of believers

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Titus 1:5-6

For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you, ⁶ *namely*, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion.

Titus 1:7-8

⁷ For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, ⁸ but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout,

Titus 1:9

⁹ holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

Church Leadership

Elders

- Presbuteros
- Titus 1:5
- Underscores age and maturity

Overseer/Bishop

- Episkopos
- Titus 1:7
- Emphasizes supervision and authority

Acts 20:17, 28

¹⁷ From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the **elders** of the church....

²⁸ Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers**, to **shepherd** the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.



Parallel passage in 1 Timothy 3

1 Timothy 3:1-2

It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires *to do*.² An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

1 Timothy 3:3-5

³ not addicted to wine or pugnacious but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. ⁴ *He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity* ⁵ (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?),

1 Timothy 3:6-7

⁶ *and* not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. ⁷ And he must have a good reputation with those outside *the church*, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.



What are some high level descriptions that we see in these 2 passages?

- Must be of certain character
- Must have tenacious convictions
- Must have family control
- Must possess effective communication skills



- Above reproach
- Husband of one wife
- Has believing children
- Not self-willed
- Not quick-tempered
- Not addicted to wine
- Not pugnacious
- Not greedy for gain
- Hospitable
- Lover of good
- Sensible
- Just
- Devout
- Self-controlled
- Holding fast the to Word
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**Does the elder need to
have these qualities in
greater degree than
others? If so...**



Paul's not asking you to make a comparison as to the degree of these qualities, but simply saying that you need to be sure these qualities are present



**Why is it such a big deal
that elders have such
high standards?**

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Ephesians 4:12

“to equip the saints for the work of the ministry”

Ephesians 3:10

“so that *through the church* the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known...”

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Above reproach

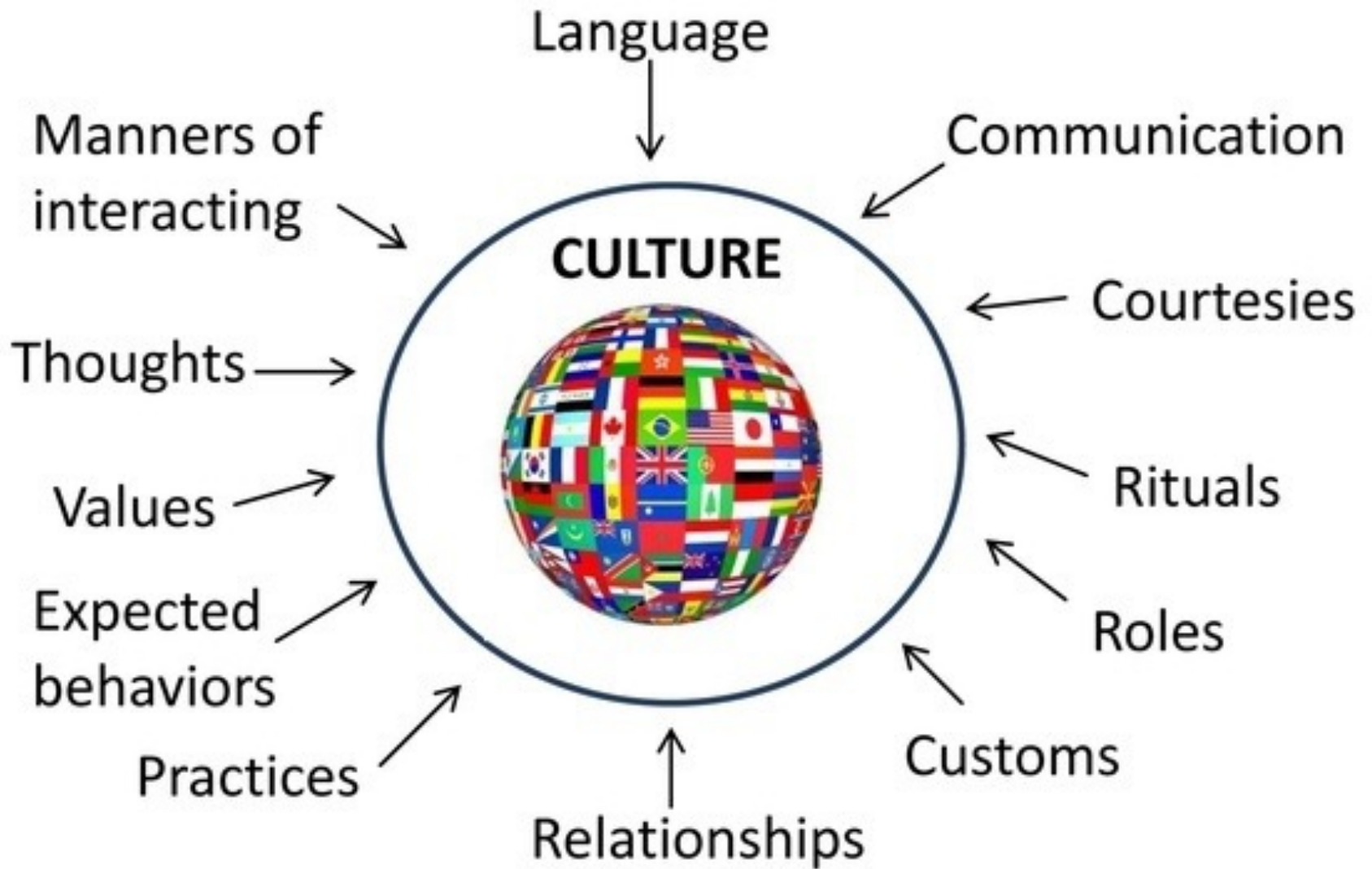
- “Above reproach” – *anegklatos*



It refers to one who would bring no justifiable criticism of character or conduct.

Husband of one wife

- “Husband of one wife” – **mias gunaikos aner**
- Literally “a one woman man”



Having children who believe

- “Having children who believe” –
tekna echon pista
- 1 Tim 3:4 “manages his own household well, keeping his children under control”

1 Timothy 3:5

⁵ (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?),

Not self-willed

- “Not self-willed” – authade
- Literally: doesn't take pleasure in self / arrogant
- 2 Peter 2:10 describes *false teachers* as arrogant

Not quick-tempered

- “Not quick-tempered” – orgilon



Anger issues and temper outbursts are NOT an expected part of his conduct

Not addicted to wine

- “Not addicted to wine” – **paroinon**
- Wine was a common beverage of the day
- The word was used of a person who became belligerent because of wine

Not pugnacious

- “Not pugnacious” – plakten
- Literally: “to use one’s fists”



- He’s not a bully

Not greedy for gain

- “Not greedy for gain” –
aischrokerde



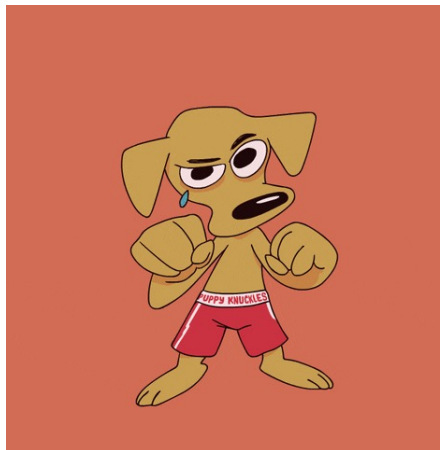
- Not making a dishonest profit out of Christian service

Positive Qualities

- “Hospitable” – philoxenon
- “Loving what is good” – philagathon
- “Sensible” – sophrona
- “Just” – dikaion
- “Devout” – hosion
- “Self-controlled” - egkrate



**Would you want a leader
who...**



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Doctrinal Qualifications

- “Holding fast the faithful word in accordance with the teaching”
- “Able to exhort in sound doctrine”
- “Able to refute those who contradict”