

The Epistle to Titus – An Overview

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Purpose of the Epistle

To warn
against false
teachers

To set in
order the
organization
of the
churches
and the
behavior of
the believers

To
encourage
Titus to
proclaim the
message of
sound
doctrine

Study Overview

1

Effective Leadership

2

Exceptional Relationships

3

Exemplary Conduct

Titus 1:5

- 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

Situation

- Deal with heretical teaching
- Lack of qualified leaders

Titus' Mission

- Preserve and pass on the sound doctrine he had been taught
- Train and appoint sound leaders who would do the same

Wanted: Elders

Titus 1:6-9

If a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. 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, but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, 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.

1 Timothy 3:1-7

This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

WE PREACH CHRIST : CRUCIFIED,
RISEN, COMING AGAIN

Critical Qualifications

Family
(vs 6)

Personal
(vs 7-8)

Preaching
(vs 9)

Contrast: False Teachers

Oppose the
truth
(vs 10-12)

Must be
rebuked
(vs 13-14)

Totally
impure
(vs 15)

Claim to
know God
but works
deny God
(vs 16)

Purpose and Activity of Effective Leaders

Psalm 78:72 “So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.”

Looking Ahead

Week
1

Introduction (1:1-5)

Week
2

**Effective Leadership
in the Church (1:6-16)**

Week
3

**Exceptional Relationships
in the Church (2:1-15)**

Week
4

**Exemplary Conduct
in the World (3:1-15)**

Week
5

Recap & Applications

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