

Equipped to Serve

Titus 1: 1-4

**We are equipped and should equip others for the
service of God**

A. A Word of Greeting (1:1)

1. Paul's Submission

2 Timothy 2:24

Matthew 20:27

2. Paul's Service

Galatians 1:1

1 Corinthians 15:10

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B. A Word of Grace (1:1-2)

1. The Ministry of Grace

**a. Paul fully embraced the ministry of grace given of
the Lord**

Ephesians 3:7-8

**b. Paul desired to help them establish a firm faith
foundation**

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B. A Word of Grace (1:1-2) - continued

2. The Mandate of Grace

a. To acknowledge the truth

2 Corinthians 13:8

b. To live Godly

Galatians 2:21

Titus 2:12-13

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B. A Word of Grace (1:1-2) - continued

3. The Measure of Grace (v 2)

a. In hope of eternal life

Colossians 1:5

b. Based on a truthful God

Deuteronomy 32:4

c. From eternity past to eternity future

2 Timothy 1:9

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C. A Word of Gratitude (1:3)

1. The Revelation by preaching (v 3a)

Romans 10:13-15

2. The Responsibility (3b)

a. Paul understood the gravity of his calling

1 Corinthians 9:6

b. Paul was committed to the calling

2 Timothy 1:15

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D. A Word of Generosity (1:4)

1. Their Relationship (4a)

2. The Resource (4b)

Elders In The Church

Titus 1: 5-9

God requires leadership in the church

Titus 1:5-9

5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

I. The Charge To Titus (1:5)

A. A matter of order

1. The reason

Luke 18:22

Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.

Ephesians 4:13

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

I. The Charge To Titus (1:5)

A. A matter of order - continued

2. The remedy

Hebrews 12:13

And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

I. The Charge To Titus (1:5)

B. A matter of ordination

1. Leadership needed

a. External attack

Titus 1:10

For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:

b. Internal adversity

Matthew 9:36

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

I. The Charge To Titus (1:5)

B. A matter of ordination - continued

2. Leaders defined

1 Timothy 5:17

Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

1 Timothy 3:1

This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

I. The Charge To Titus (1:5)

B. A matter of ordination – continued

2. Leaders defined

1 Peter 5:1-4

1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock.

4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

II. The Qualifications For Elders (1:6-9)

A. Socially (v 6)

1. His reputation

Colossians 1:22

In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight:

2. His relationship with his wife

Matthew 19:6

Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

II. The Qualifications For Elders (1:6-9)

A. Socially (v 6) - continued

3. His rule over his children

1 Timothy 3:4-5

4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

II. The Qualifications For Elders (1:6-9)

B. Personally (vv 7-8)

1. Blameless, as the steward of God;

1 Corinthians 4:2

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful

2. Not self-willed

3. Not soon angry

4. Not given to wine

5. No striker

II. The Qualifications For Elders (1:6-9)

B. Personally (vv 7-8) - continued

6. Not given to filthy lucre

7. A lover of hospitality

8. A lover of good men

9. Sober

10. Just

11. Holy

12. Temperate

II. The Qualifications For Elders (1:6-9)

C. Spiritually (v 9)

1. A firm foundation

Proverbs 3:18

She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

2 Timothy 1:13

Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

II. The Qualifications For Elders (1:6-9)

C. Spiritually (v 9)

2. A faithful proclamation

2 Timothy 4:2-4

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Walk As The Leader

Philippians 3:17

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.