

Wednesday Night Fellowship Discussion Guide

6/15/22

Titus 1:5–9

⁵ This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— ⁶ if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. ⁷ For an overseer, as God’s steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, ⁸ but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. ⁹ He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

Passage Summary

After reminding Titus that he had left him in Crete in order to appoint pastors, Paul brings up the importance of the character of these men.

Discussion Questions

Overview

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Do you think there is a primary attribute that governs the rest of the character qualities listed in this passage? If so what is it?

From these verses, what kind of job description for a pastor would you be able to put forward?

Considering the expectations of a pastor as presented here in the Word of God, what might be some things that pastors might be tempted to pursue rather than these priorities?

What might be some things church members might desire a pastor to do rather than these things?

How can pastors help the church and the church help the pastors to keep their roles in proper perspective?

Qualifications

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Are these qualifications ONLY for pastors?

How could these qualifications be taken too lightly?

How could these qualifications be taken too restrictively?

Are there any leaders in Scripture who we consider to be good leaders but yet they do not meet the qualifications listed here? Who are some of them and how do we think rightly about their situations? How about contemporary figures, how should we as individuals and the church at large respond to them?

How should Titus 1:5-9 shape your prayers for the church? For your pastors? For yourself?