



## Church Leadership

We need leaders.

Start with some leadership positions in the church but then talk about how all of us are called to some form of leadership

Titus 1:5

- Titus is a young church leader
- Paul has left him in Crete to establish leaders in the churches
- As a church grows there is need to for more leadership
- make sure sound doctrine is being taught
- make sure the church is pursuing the mission of Jesus
- \*need for more leadership as Liberty has grown

Titus 1:6-9

- These are the characteristics of Biblical leaders
- Specifically for the position of Elders but also qualities we should all be striving for
- 17 characteristics

-First, Paul assumes that the person being considered for eldership is a believer

-1 Timothy 3:6

-Biblical leadership starts with having a relationship with Jesus yourself

1) above reproach

-not saying the Elders and Pastors are perfect but are you striving to be a good example of Jesus (ver 7 - steward)

\*Do people look at your life and want to know the hope you have or do they want to run from who you are?

2) husband of one wife

-one of the reason's we believe elders are to be men  
-good values marriage highly and we should too

3) trains and leads his children

-God values family

-one of the greatest areas we can lead is in the family

-if we lead in our community or even our church but don't lead our family we've missed what God really called us to

4) arrogant

5) quick-tempered

6) drunkard

7) violent

8) greedy for gain

-a good leader is in it for the right reasons

9) hospitable

10) lover of good

11) self controlled

\*may mean getting the help I need so I can help others

12) upright (just)

13) holy (blameless)

14) disciplined

-a good leader is pursuing these things

\*which of those categories of things is driving your decisions

15) hold firm to the Word

16) teach others

17) refute error

- we have to know what the Bible says, live it out, and pass it on  
\*this is why we do what we do, to carry the hope of Jesus to people

-prodigal son

-A great leader isn't a leader because he wants to be a leader. He's a great leader because he see's a great need and steps up to say I will be responsible to meet that need.

Sermon