

LESSONS FOR LEADERS FROM TITUS

I. Introduction (1:1-5)

A. Greetings (1:1-4)

B. Titus was left in Crete to bring order to the church, and appoint elders (1:5)

II. Qualifications for Those Who Might Be Appointed as Elders (1:6-9)

- See, and compare 1 Timothy 3:2-7

III. Setting Things in Order (1:10-3:14)

A. Rebuke false teachers severely (1:13)

1. They are rebellious men who deceive others (1:10)

2. In Titus' day, many had a Jewish background (they were of the circumcision (1:10b))

3. They need to be rebuked so they will be well grounded in their faith (1:13-14)

B. Teach all groups within the church know what the Bible says about how they should conduct their lives. (2:1-15)

1. Instructions for older men (2:2)

2. Instructions for older women (2:3)

3. Instructions for younger women (2:4-5)

4. Instructions for younger men (2:6-8)

5. Instructions for slaves (same for employees) (2:9-10)

C. Instructions of all age groups who are looking for the second coming of Christ (2:11-14)

1. Deny ungodliness, and worldly desires (2:12a)

2. Live sensibly, righteously, and godly lives (2:12b)

3. Be looking for the Christ's second coming (2:13)

D. Preach, exhort, and rebuke with all authority (since you are using the Word of God, and that is our authority). (2:15)

- E. Teach all that the Bible says about how they should live when nonchristians are watching. (3:1-14)
 - 1. Tell all to respect authority because we have been saved by Christ. (3:1-7)
 - 2. Preachers have a specific responsibility as well
 - a. Preachers should preach this message confidently so that those who are saved will be involved in good deeds (3:8)
 - b. Preachers should not waste their time on genealogies and other controversial matters which are unprofitable. (3:9)
 - c. Reject anyone who causes trouble in the church (3:10-11)
 - 3. Provide for God's people (3:12-14)

IV. Final greeting and prayer (3:15)