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A STUDY THRU PAUL'S LETTER TO TITUS





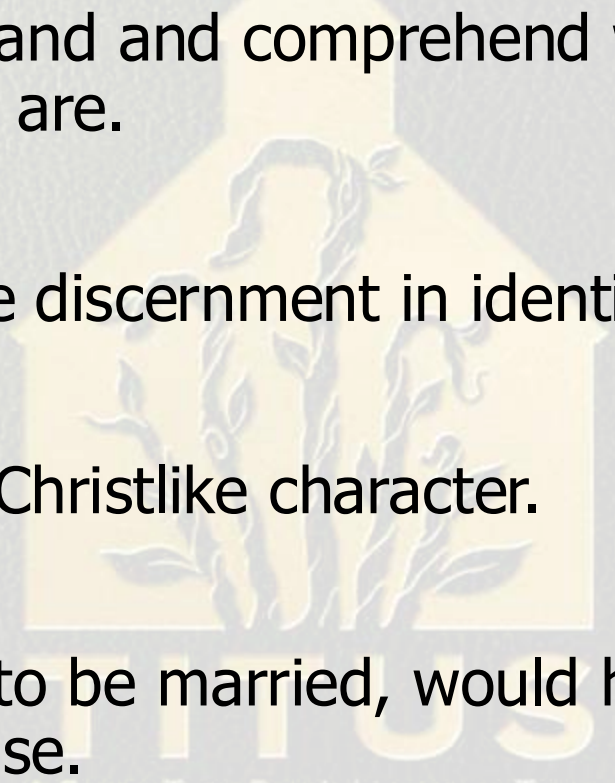
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Titus 1:5-6a

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1. That we would understand and comprehend what the biblical qualifications for elders are.
  2. That we would cultivate discernment in identifying a biblical church.
  3. That we would pursue Christlike character.
  4. That those who desire to be married, would have biblically grounded expectations for a spouse.

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Lesson Theme:

God establishes order in His Church through qualified leaders



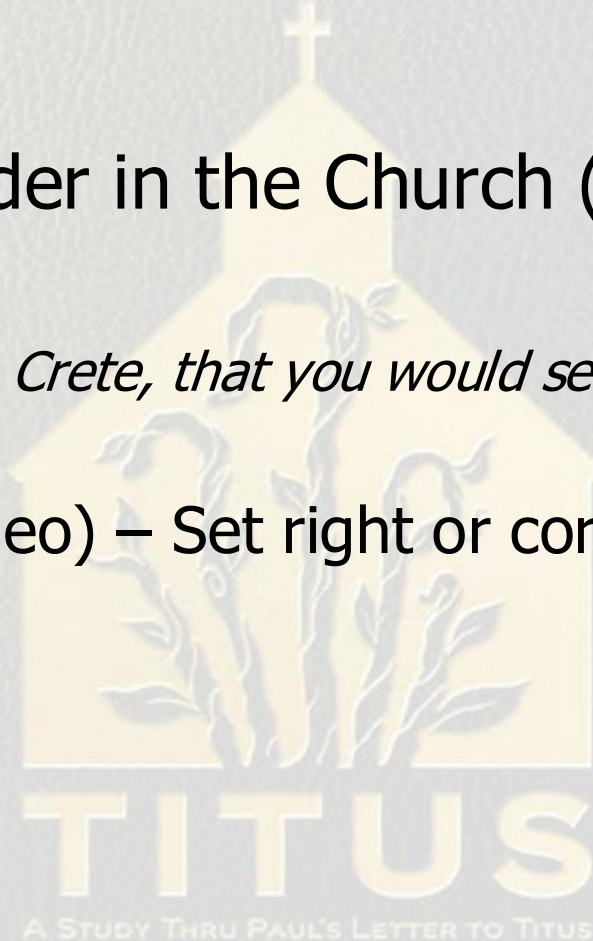


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## I. God's Design for Order in the Church (5a)

*"For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains"*

❑ ἐπιδιορθόω (epidiorthéo) – Set right or correct or straighten



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II. God's Gift of Leadership to the Church (5b)

A. The Pattern (Acts 13; 14:21-23)

B. The Offices (Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:1-13)

C. The Number (Acts 14:23; 20:17; Phil. 1:1; James 5:14)

D. The Words (Acts 20:17,28; 1 Pet. 5:1-2)

1. Elder (Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5)

2. Overseer (1 Tim. 3:1-2; Titus 1:7a)

3. Shepherd / Pastor (Acts 20:28; Eph. 4:11)

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E. The Source (Acts 20:28)

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## ☐ Above Reproach

☐ ἀνέγκλητος (Anegkletos) – Not Called In

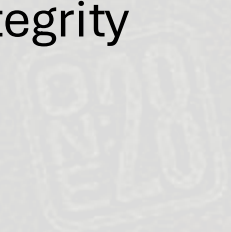
☐ Does not mean Sinless, free from criticism, flawless or isolated from human struggles.

☐ It does mean to be BEYOND legitimate accusations

☐ Hebrew word תָּמִים (Tamim) – Blameless, Unblemished, Walking with Integrity

(Gen. 17:1; Lev. 1:3; Job 1:1; Ps. 15)

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  - ☐ Above Reproach
  - ☐ Why Above Reproach
    - ☐ Representation (1 Pet. 5:2-4; Acts 20:28)
    - ☐ Responsibility (Titus 1:9; Heb. 13:17)
    - ☐ Role (1 Thess. 4:12; Phil. 2:14-15)



# Applications

- I. Pursue God's Order in the Church
- II. Value God's Gift of Leadership
- III. Strive for Godly Character
- IV. Recognize Christ as the Source of Blamelessness

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# Small Group Discussion

1. What does it mean to be “above reproach”? How does that differ from being “sinless”?
2. Since Paul calls all Christians to pursue godliness, how can you live “above reproach” as a single man or woman?
3. How does the gospel empower us to live above reproach, instead of trying to do it in our own strength?

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