



TITUS

A STUDY THRU PAUL'S LETTER TO TITUS



Purpose for Singles in Studying Titus 1:5-9

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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The Elder's Habits - 2

Titus 1:8d-f

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Lesson Theme:

Godly habits in an elder, display God's character and bring order in God's church.



The Elder's Habits

I. The Elder is Just (8d)

A. What it Means

- Δίκαιος (dikaios) – Just / Fair / Upright
- The one who is fair and balanced in his dealings



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A. What it Means

B. Why it Matters (when Elders are NOT Just)

1. He misrepresents God's character (Ps. 145:17; Deut. 10:17; 32:4)
2. The church becomes a place of partiality NOT purity (Prov. 28:21; 1 Tim. 3:15; Jam. 2:1; 3:17)
3. The flock suffers under spiritual injustice (Prov. 29:4; Isa. 59:14)

C. How it Marks the Church (when Elders ARE Just)

1. The People learn to love what is Just (Isa. 32:17; 1 John 3:7)
2. The Gospel shines clearly (Micah 6:8; Rom. 3:25-26; 1 Pet. 2:12)



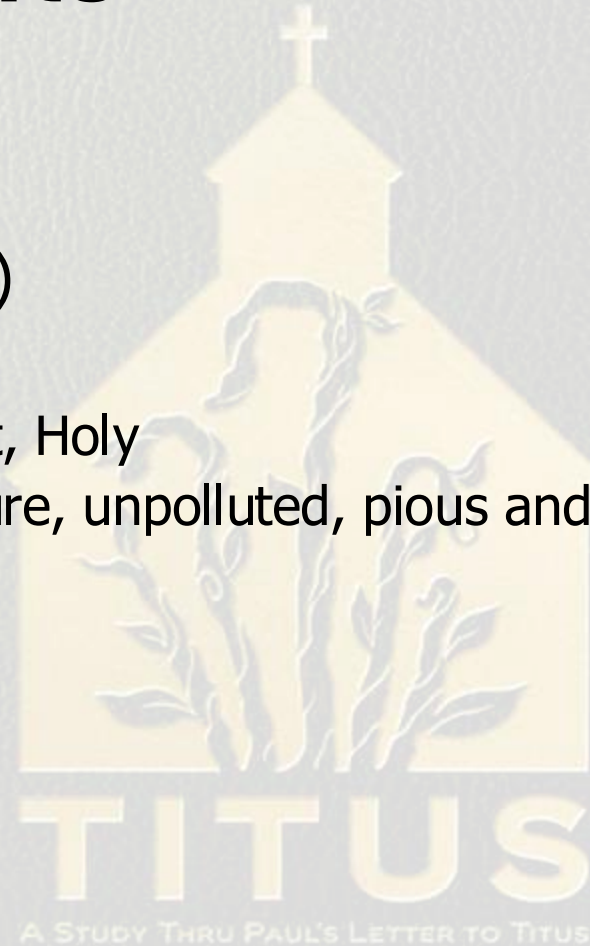
The Elder's Habits

I. The Elder is Just (8d)

II. The Elder is Devout (8e)

A. What it Means

- ὅσιος (hosios) – Devout, Holy
- The one who is holy, pure, unpolluted, pious and pleasing to God.



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II. The Elder is Devout (8e)

A. What it Means

B. Why it Matters (when Elders are NOT Devout)

1. He becomes religious but not reverent (2 Tim. 3:5)
2. God's people lose a sense of the holy (Lev. 10:3; Ecc. 10:16; 1 Pet. 1:16)

C. How it Marks the Church (when Elders ARE Devout)

1. God's people learn what true godliness looks like (1 Tim. 4:12)
2. The atmosphere in the church becomes Holy & Reverent (Ps. 96:9)
3. God's people grow in love for God (Ps. 86:11)

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III. The Elder is Self-Controlled (8f)

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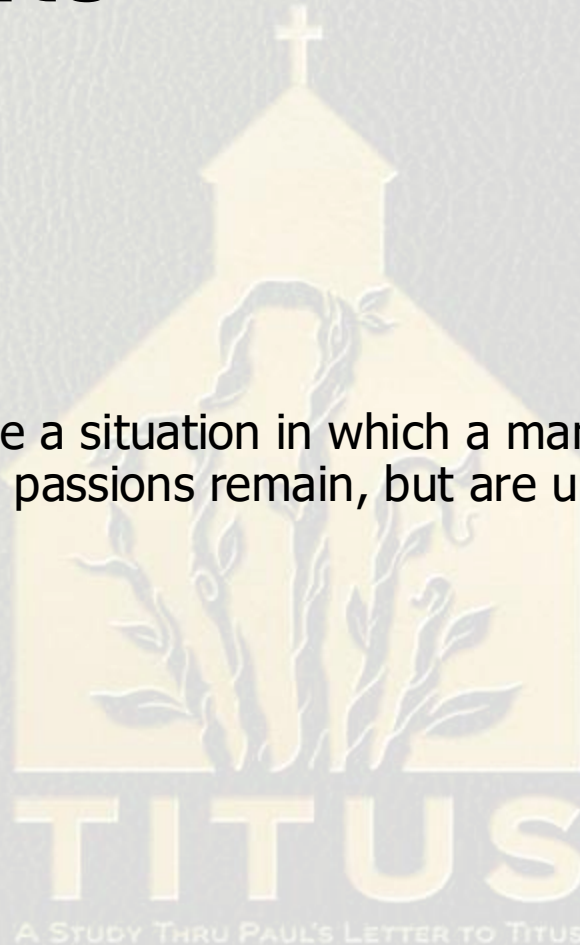
- ἐγκρατής (egkrates) – self-controlled, temperate, moderate, restrained
- The one who has mastery over himself.



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"Self control does not contemplate a situation in which a man is emasculated of all passion; it envisages a situation in which his passions remain, but are under perfect control and so become his servants, not his tyrants."

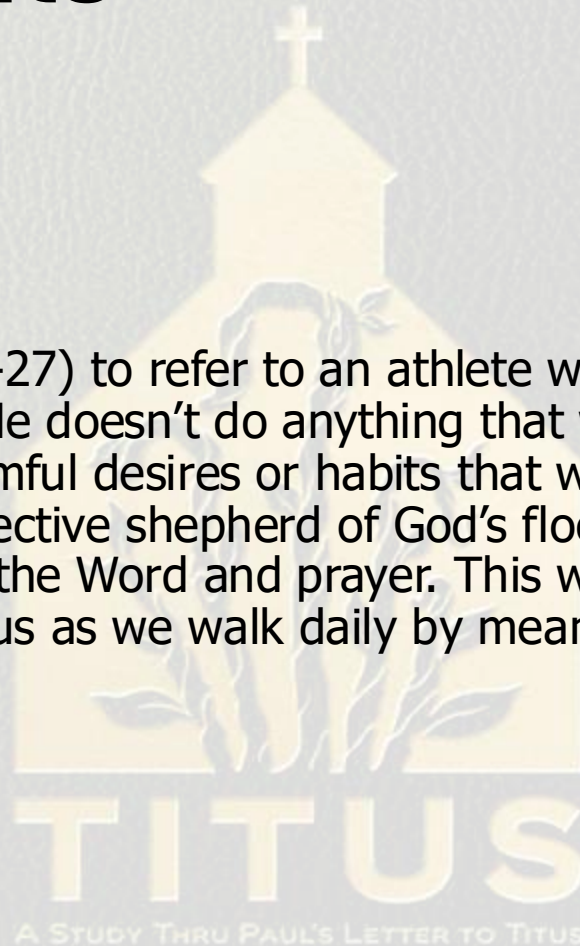
- William Barclay



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"Paul uses this word (1 Cor. 9:25-27) to refer to an athlete who exercises self-control in all things so that he may win the wreath. He doesn't do anything that would hinder him from his goal. An elder must have control over harmful desires or habits that would interfere with knowing Christ more deeply or with being an effective shepherd of God's flock. He will be disciplined about spending time alone with God in the Word and prayer. This word is the last of the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:23), which grow in us as we walk daily by means of the Spirit."

- Steve Cole



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 - A. What it Means
 - B. Why it Matters (when Elders are NOT Self-Controlled)
 - 1. He becomes a slave to his passions (Prov. 25:28)
 - 2. The tone of the church shifts from order to chaos (James 3:16)
 - 3. The enemy gains ground (1 Pet. 5:8)
 - C. How it Marks the Church (when Elders ARE Self-Controlled)
 - 1. There is Spirit governed stability (Prov. 16:32)
 - 2. The Church matures in discipleship (1 Cor. 9:25-27; Gal. 5:22-23)