



Titus' Work in Crete

Titus 1:5-6a

⁵I left you on the island of Crete so you could complete our work there and appoint elders in each town as I instructed you. ⁶An elder must live a blameless life. He must be faithful to his wife, and his children must be believers who don't have a reputation for being wild or rebellious. ⁷A church leader is a manager of God's household, so he must live a blameless life.

1. Paul says that an elder must be someone who is living a blameless life. In other words, he is living a life free of any accusations or charges. Are the characteristics of blamelessness evident in your life? Do you fear God, keep yourself from sin, avoid corruption, and devoted to godly living? Are you honoring God and giving evidence that you are faithful to serve?
Daniel 6:4; Job 1:1; Genesis 6:9; Luke 1:6; 1 Peter 2:12; Daniel 6:28; 2 Peter 1:5-8
2. This text reminds us that God's design for leadership in the church and in the home is Servant-Hearted Male Spiritual Authority. Men, are you leading? Women, are you supporting and sustaining? Do you take seriously God's design for spiritual leadership? Where do you need to humbly submit to what God has designed?
Matthew 20:26; Ephesians 5:21-33; 1 Timothy 2:11-15; 1 Corinthians 14:13-14; Genesis 2:18
3. Paul says that a qualified elder will be someone who has established a reputation as a faithful husband. Married Men...are you loving sacrificially, actively, and are you exercising purity? Are you guarding your heart? Are you leading spiritually? Married women...Are you praying for your husband? Single Gentlemen...Are you learning what it means to love well? Are you practicing purity for the sake of your future spouse/marriage? For the sake of your future role in leadership in ministry and in the home? Single ladies...Are you seeking men who love the Lord, will sacrifice for you? Are you praying for your future husband? Are you seeking to live a pure life now that will bless the future?
4. Paul says that a qualified elder will be someone who manages his home well, having children who respect and obey him. Fathers...when it comes to your character, are you elder qualified in your home? Do you invest in the spiritual growth and development of your family? Children...do you honor your parents?