

I. The Qualifications and Responsibilities of Leaders

A. The Basis and Goals of Godly Ministry

1. Theme: Godly leaders are slaves to God and are commissioned by Him to encourage faith, knowledge, godliness, and hope in God's people.
2. Text: Titus 1:1-4
3. Reading: Hebrews 6:13-20

B. The Qualifications and Responsibilities of Elders

1. Elders: The Pastoral Leadership Team
 - a. Theme: Elders are a group of men called by God to shepherd the local church.
 - b. Text: Titus 1:5
 - c. Reading: Isaiah 40:9-11
2. The Qualifications for an Elder
 - a. Theme: Elders are men with godly family lives and character, and who understand the faith and are able to encourage believers in the truth and correct error.
 - b. Text: Titus 1:5-9
 - c. Reading: Isaiah 40:27-31

3. The Functions of An Elder-Shepherd

- a. Theme: Shepherds are called to serve the flock by feeding, protecting, leading, and equipping it to serve God.
- b. Text: 1 Peter 5:1-4
- c. Reading: Psalm 105:1-9

II. The Danger of False Teachers

A. The False Shepherds and Their Destructive Teachings

1. Theme: False shepherds teach destructive heresies out of false motives, and these lead people away from true knowledge of God.
2. Text: Titus 1:10-16
3. Reading: Psalm 108:1-5

B. The Pure Gospel vs. Corrupt Teachings

1. Theme: True purity comes by believing the Gospel, and those who do not believe and embrace false teachings corrupt everything they do and touch.
2. Text: Titus 1:15-16
3. Reading: Ephesians 1:3-8

III. Sound Doctrine and It's Effects

A. Lives Worthy of the Gospel

1. Theme: God calls believers to live lives that agree with the truth of the Gospel and draw others to Christ.
2. Text: Titus 2:1-10
3. Reading: Psalm 111:1-5

B. The Gospel of God's Grace

1. Theme: God's grace has come to us in Christ, and it saves those who believe, and enables them to live a life distinct from the world and in conformity to God's character.
2. Text: Titus 2:11-14
3. Reading: Psalm 130

C. Good Citizens & Neighbors Through The Gospel

1. Theme: God calls and empowers us through the Gospel to be good citizens and neighbors, displaying faith through good works.
2. Text: Titus 3:1-8
3. Reading: Psalm 116:1-7

D. A Fruitful Life Devoted to Good Works

1. Theme: The Gospel causes us to live productive and fruitful lives, devoted to good works and helping others.
2. Text: Titus 3:8-15
3. Reading: Psalm 116:7-14

Titus: Passing on the Faith