



PART 2

Titus 1:5-9



Crete



Paul



Titus



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Titus 1:5

5 This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put into order what remained, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—

- *Epidiorthoō* - to put right, to set straight what is crooked, to correct

Titus 1:6-8

6 —If anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. 7 For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, 8 but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.

An elder at home...

- Faithful to their spouse
- An invested parent who trains up their children in the way of life for which God created them

An elder in the community is NOT...

- Overbearing, self-willed, selfish
- Explosive & prone to anger
- Drinking to the point of impairment or to the loss of inhibitions
- Bullying or violent
- Overly fond of profit, acquisition, & gain

An elder in the community is...

- HOSPITABLE towards strangers
- Cherishes what is good, beautiful, & true (& self-forgetful)
- Exercises restraint over their thought life & behavior
- Inherently honest, just, & fair
- Wholly set apart for God, living in accordance with his wishes, participating in his worship & community
- DISCIPLINED; controlling with effort the body & its appetites

Titus 1:9

9 He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

An elder must *“hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught,”* doing so
by...

- Encouraging others through life-producing instruction
- Refuting & rebuking contradictory teachings

Search me, O God,
and know my heart.
Try me and know my thoughts.
See if there be
any wicked way in me
and lead me in the way,
lead me in the way,
lead me in the way everlasting.
(Ps. 139:23-24)