

THE PURPOSE OF A GODLY LEADER Vs 1-4

- ✓ I Know Whose I Am
- ✓ I Know Who I Am
- ✓ I Know What I am Called to Do
 - Proclaim the Truth
 - Teach the Truth
 - Share the Truth
- ✓ I Know I Should Pour My Life Into Someone Else’s

THE PICTURE OF A GODLY LEADER Vs 5-9

- ✓ **Our Call**
 - Set Things Right
 - Select Godly Leaders
- ✓ **Their Character**
 - What He Must Be
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THE PICTURE OF AN UNGODLY PERSON Vs 10-16

- ✓ **Their Character**
 - Who They Were
 - Why They Were That Way
- ✓ **Our Call**
 - To Reprove Them (for Redemption)

- To Repudiate Them

Our Response

- ✓ Challenging Words in Verse 16: *“They say they know God, but their actions show they do not accept him. They are hateful people, they refuse to obey, and they are useless for doing anything good.”* Great question – Do you say you know the Lord and does your life and actions line up with the truth? Have you clearly understood the Word of God this morning or this week that you need to become a Christ Follower? It’s as simple as ABC!
Admit you are a sinner, **Believe** that Jesus is God’s Son, **Confess** Him as Savior and **Commit** your life to Him as Lord for the rest of your life!! **Your next step is Baptism...** Have you made that public and followed through with Baptism? If not, you can do that today as well.
- ✓ Be willing to step over the line this morning and be obedient in what He is calling you to do. Maybe it is join this church family and honor Him by **not attending but joining** His family and being a part of bringing the good news to our community and to the ends of the earth!
- ✓ Do you Know Whose You Are and Who You are and What Your Calling Is? Are you fulfilling that Purpose right now? If not, what needs to change in you today?
- ✓ Who can You pour your life into starting this month? Who could start pouring their life into you? Write their names down and approach them this week...
- ✓ Leader in the Church – How does your life line up to these qualities the Lord is calling us to? Even further, Christ Follower, these should be a part of all of our lives. Can you find one and circle it and ask the Lord to help you grow in that area of your life?
- ✓ Is there someone this week that you need to lovingly and gently speak the truth of the Word of God into their lives? Pray about approaching them this week.

INSIDE OUT

“The Importance of Godly Leaders”

Titus 1

August 10, 2014 AM Worship

Introduction to Titus

Written by Paul to Titus who was on the island of Crete

The island of Crete is in the Mediterranean Sea southeast of Greece.

Titus was one of his protégées as was Timothy. Titus had traveled with Paul many times including to Crete. It was written to encourage the young Pastor Titus, to instruct the other church leaders and to instruct the members in the various congregations on Crete.

It is an evangelistic letter whose ultimate purpose was to prepare the church for more effective witness to unbelievers on Crete. In order for us to reach our community we must be certain that we focus first on the inside before we focus on the outside. If not, then we can easily become a mile wide and an inch deep. The Lord’s desire is for us a mile wide and deep! That happens when we allow the Lord to work on us from the inside out! Would you let Him do that in your life today?

We will take a look at this important book in August by starting from the inside and working our way out – Today we will talk about the Importance of Godly Leaders, and next week we will talk about The Importance of Godly Relationships in our lives followed by The Importance of the Gospel and The Importance of Godly Living.

Today we find some incredibly challenging words for us today and focuses on the call for us to be godly leaders and what that is to look like in our lives.

The Purpose of a Godly Leader Vs 1-4

✓ I Know Whose I Am

I am chosen

✓ I Know Who I Am

He was a bond servant (doulos), the most lowly servant of the day, often translated slave. Paul was in complete but willing bondage to God.

✓ I Know What I am Called to Do

- **Proclaim the Truth** – Jesus is the only way – to believers

- **Teach the Truth** – how to live a godly life
- **Share the Truth** - sharing with those who do not know
- ✓ **I Know I Should Pour My Life Into Someone Else's**
Paul had a deep and abiding love and affection for Titus. We must have that same love and affection for the people of God, in particular this church body first. We must be committed to one another in partnering together to reach our community for Christ. No one can do it alone. It is not just left up to the pastor or deacons, or SS teachers, but we must all be committed to each other to finish the task God has given us.

The Picture of a Godly Leader Vs 5-9

✓ **Our Call**

- **Set Things Right**

Things were out of order in the Church and needed to be put back in the right place and done the right way, God's way. That's a call of a leader sometimes. Not always easy to do. It meant making changes, ruffling feathers, encouraging, loving, pastoring, etc.

- **Select Godly Leaders**

There are very specific qualifications set forth in Scripture for Pastors, but this could and should be applied to any church leader and to take it even further for every believer. We must never compromise here! McArthur says, "All effective, fruitful, and genuinely spiritual leaders in Christ's church have a deep awareness that they are under divine authority. That awareness becomes the controlling reality of their lives. They do not seek to fulfill personal agendas, create personal fame, or build personal empires. They are content and feel honored for the privilege of being wholly subject to the Master who has chosen and sent them."

✓ **Their Character**

- **What He Must Be Vs 5-7a, 8-9**

1. **Public Reputation (Above Reproach)** – completely blameless, not perfect, there walk in ever called into question.
2. **Sexual Morality** – one woman man
3. **Family Leadership** – how he leads his home and children

4. **A Steward who is above reproach** – how he deals with money and he realizes that God owns it all
 5. **Hospitable** – willing to help anyone at anytime
 6. **Loves what is good** – things and people
 7. **Sensible** – in command of his mind, how his priorities and sticks to them
 8. **Just (Upright)** – what is proper, fitting, right, - fair
 9. **Devout** (Holy, Reverent)
 10. **Self-Controlled** (Disciplined) – accountability, monitors his own life closely
 11. **Hold Fast to the Word and its teaching** –to cling mightily to something or to adhere to something
 12. **Be able to refute those who contradict** – knows what he believes and why he believes and able to defend it.
- **What He Must Not Be**
 1. **Self-willed Overbearing** (Pushy) – prideful, arrogant, someone who asserts his own will with utter disregard for anyone else.
 2. **Short Tempered**
 3. **A drunk** (Not addicted to wine)
 4. **A Bully** (pugnacious) – one who is verbally or physically abusive
 5. **Money Hungry** (not fond of sordid gain)

What kind of leader are you? What kind of leader am I?

The Picture of an Ungodly Person Vs 10-16

✓ Their Character

- **Who They Were**
 1. They were unruly (would not submit to the to God’s Word or to the authority of God’s servants (10)
 2. They were empty talkers (10)
 3. They were deceivers 10)
 4. They were carnal and worldly (12)
 5. They say they know God, but actions don’t line up. They are hateful, refuse to obey and don’t do anything good.(16) **“They say they know God, but their actions show they do not accept him.**

They are hateful people, they refuse to obey, and they are useless for doing anything good.” Titus 1:16 NCV

- **Why They Were That Way**

They were telling lies and upsetting the church and even entire families. They were going house to house trying to get people on their side. What lies were they telling? Mostly Judaizers who said yes you follow Christ but also all of the legalism such as circumcision.

It has been called the cross plus syndrome, cross plus this will get you salvation.

For their own personal gain! Their minds and their consciences had become defiled! They were living one way outwardly, but inwardly they were living an entirely different way. That eventually catches up with a person.

- ✓ **Our Call**

- **To Reprove Them** (for Redemption)

(Paul was serious, no infection should be allowed into the church!) It means to cut with a penetrating force, but was designed to be redemptive in nature. To bring them back into line with right teaching To stop them from teaching falsely anymore.

- **To Repudiate Them**

To challenge them outright that what they were saying was wrong, false and did not line up with the Word of God.

Invitation and Response

Every time we gather together here to worship, there is a response to made. It is not to simply hear the word, but to be a doer of the Word James tells us. There should be a life change for every one of us here today.