

“Setting in Order the Things”

Titus 1:5

Intro:

- The book of Titus was written to a young man leaving him instructions on order and decency, as well as on how to instruct those both younger and older than he to live orderly.
 - Leadership. **Titus 1**
 - Followship. **Titus 2**
 - Citizenship. **Titus 3**
 - Doctrine. **Titus 1:9, 13-14; 2:1,9**
- It’s interesting to note that the Bible is instructing **ALL** ages, in **ALL** social classes, in **ALL** positions of leadership and followship.
 - Servants. **Titus 1:1/ 2:9-14**
 - Sons in the faith. **Titus. 1:4**
 - Preachers and church leaders. **Titus 1:5-16**
 - Aged men and woman. **Titus 2:1-6**
 - The youth. **Titus 2:15**
 - Citizens. **Titus 3**

Tran:

- We need to recognize the structure God has set in place, and what each person’s responsibility is to obey what God has instructed.
 - “We are not all always leaders; we are not all always followers; but we are always leading, and we are always following.”
 - Home – As one grows up, the role in the home changes and it’s important to recognize one’s responsibilities at each stage. (Father, Mother, Child)
 - Church – As one grows spiritually, one will increase responsibility and leadership in the Christian life. It is important for one to realize what their role is and fill it. (Pastor, Leaders, Laymen)
 - Government – Each person has a civic duty to both teach and perform; that duty is paramount to the stability of a society. (Laws, elected officials, citizens)
 - If any one of these areas are out of balance, it will mutually affect all of the others.
 - We need to make sure we are learning, leading, and listening in such a way that increases the productivity in all three entities that God has established.
 - Learn what my part is and how to better perform it.
 - Lead others to do their best and to do rightly in their responsibilities.
 - Listen to godly counsel and Bible teaching on how God says things ought to be done, so I can lead the next generation to continue on.
- *God not only wants each person to understand what their current role is; but He also wants each person to learn from those around them how to be prepared to perform the soon coming added responsibilities.*

I. Things that should be absent from the life of a Christian leader.

A. Temper **Titus 1:7**

- i. **Prov. 16:32** *“He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.”*
- ii. **Prov. 19:11** *“The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.”*
- iii. **Prov. 22:24-25** *“Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: [25] Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.”*

B. Alcohol **Titus 1:7**

- i. **Lev. 10:9** *“Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation...”*
- ii. **Pro. 20:1** *“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: & whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.”*
- iii. **Prov. 23:29-32** *“Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?[30] They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.[31] Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.[32] At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.”*
- iv. **Prov. 31:4** *“It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:”*
- v. **Eph. 5:18** *“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;”*

C. Contention **Titus 1:7**

- i. The Christian life should be lived in such a way that our lives are a good testimony and representation of Christ. **Rom. 14:16-18** *“Let not then your good be evil spoken of: [17] For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. [18] For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.”*
- ii. Division amongst people is a direct result of a selfish lifestyle. **Rom. 16:17-18** *“Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. [18] For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.”*
- iii. Nowhere does the Bible teach, that because I am a Christian, that I have to create contention with those who are around me. **Phil. 2:14-15** *“Do all things without murmurings and disputings: [15] That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;”*

II. Things that should be present in the life of a Christian leader.

A. Good Testimony

- i. **I Cor. 1:8** *“Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*
- ii. **Phil. 2:15** *“That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;”*
- iii. **I Tim. 3:2** *“A bishop then must be blameless...”*
- iv. **I Tim. 5:7** *“And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless”*
- v. **Titus 1:6** *“If any be blameless...”*
- vi. **Titus 1:7** *“For a bishop must be blameless...”*
- vii. **Prov. 22:1** *“A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches...”*

B. Hospitality – Treating others in a kind and receptive way. **Titus 1:8**

- In the Christian world, we have grown cold in our manners and our consideration towards others. We should not allow the trends of society to dictate our responses.
- i. **Rom. 12:10** *“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;”*
- ii. **Eph. 4:30-32** *“And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. [31] Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.*
- iii. **Col. 3:12-15** *“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; [13] Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. [14] And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. [15] And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.*

C. Justice – Treat others according to God’s law, not man’s judgements. **Titus 1:8**

- i. **Micah 6:8** *“He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”*
- ii. **I Cor. 4:5** *“Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.”*
- iii. **II Cor. 10:12-15** *“For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. [13] But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you. [14] For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ: [15] Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men’s labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,”*

Close:

- We need to make sure that, in our homes, we have “*Things Set in Order*” according to the Scriptures.
- Notice the list of things you are to do is longer than the list of things you’re not supposed to do.
- God is more concerned with what you are doing than with what you are not doing.
- If we are focused on what we are supposed to do, then we will be less likely to do the things we aren’t supposed to do.

I Cor. 14:40

“Let all things be done decently and in order.”

Review Questions

- 1-3. List the 3 things, we discussed, that should be absent from a Christian leader. **Temper, Alcohol, and Contention**.
- 4-6 List the 3 things, we discussed, that should be present in a Christian leader. **Good Testimony, Hospitality, Justice**.