

**[Titus]
Lesson 7**

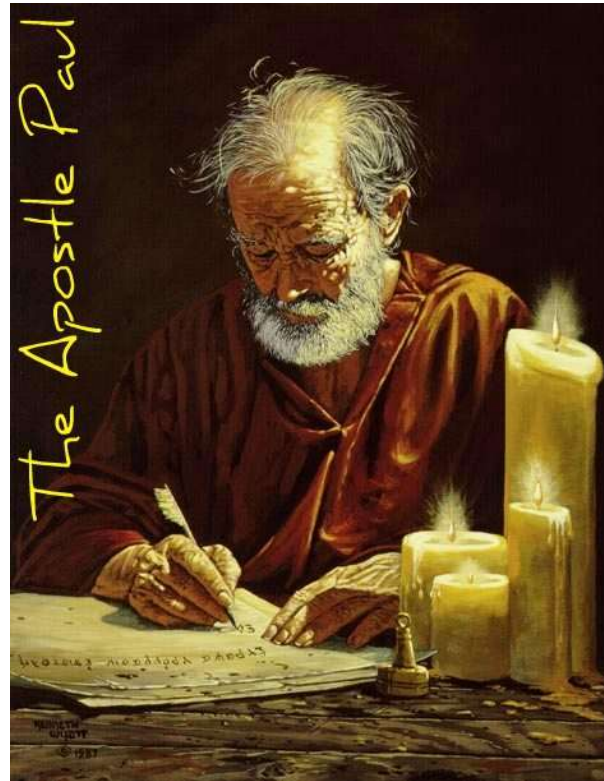
Pastors

(Titus 1)



1. Paul Wrote a Letter to Titus

(Titus 1:1) *Paul...* (4) *To Titus...*



New Testament



GOSPELS

HISTORY

LETTERS



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(Titus 1:1) *Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle (chosen and sent) of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect (chosen people / church), and the acknowledging (agree / confess) of the truth (Gospel) which is after (follows) godliness (God's way); (2) In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; (3) But hath in due times (God's time order / dispensation) manifested (open tell) his word through preaching, which is committed (given) unto me (Paul) according to the commandment (charge / responsibility) of God our Saviour;*



(Titus 1:4) To **Titus**, mine own (Paul's) **son** after the common (shared) faith (Gospel): Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. (5) For this cause (why) left I (Paul) **thee** (Titus) in **Crete**, that **thou** (Titus) shouldst (must) set in order (right church order) the things that are wanting (not right / missing), and ordain (choose) elders (pastors) in every city, as I (Paul) had appointed (give job) **thee** (Titus):



2. Qualifications for Pastors

CHARACTER QUALIFICATIONS - ELDER

1 Tim 3

Meaning

- v. 2 one who cannot be validly accused
- v. 2 completely devoted to his wife
- v. 2 avoids extremes and excesses
- v. 2 wisely establishes priorities
- v. 2 respected
- v. 2 loves strangers
- v. 2 skillful teacher
- v. 3 not addicted to wine
- v. 3 not given to physical violence
- v. 3 forbearing - yields his rights
- v. 3 not an arguer
- v. 3 does not love money
- v. 4 manages his family well
- v. 4 children obey him with respect
- v. 6 not a new believer
- v. 7 good testimony with the world

Titus 1

Meaning

- v. 6 cannot be validly called to account
- v. 6 children believe in Jesus
- v. 6 children are not in rebellion
- v. 7 not self-serving
- v. 7 long suffering
- v. 7 does not seek dishonest gain
- v. 8 a lover of goodness
- v. 8 one who is a believer & consistently fair
- v. 8 one who is holy
- v. 8 restrained in mind & over fleshly desires
- v. 9 faithful to the Word
- v. 9 able to defend the truth

(Titus 1:6) *If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot (wild, sinful living) or unruly (rebellion).*

“blameless” = known as continually good

“husband of one wife” = faithful to his wife

“ruleth well his own house” = obedient family

(Titus 1:7) For a bishop (**pastor**) must be blameless, as the steward of God (**manage God's house / church**);
not selfwilled, not soon (**quick**) angry, not given to wine, **no striker**, not given to filthy lucre;

"Not selfwilled" = selfish / focused on own wants

"No striker" = Not hit others

"Not given to wine" = Not drunk

"Not given to filthy lucre" = Not love money

(Titus 1:8) *But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;*

“given to hospitality” = love and care for people

“lover of good men” = enjoys all that is good

“sober and temperate” = self-controlled (**wise**)

“just” = good judgment / equal judgment

3. Pastors Must Teach the Bible



(Titus 1:9) Holding fast (stay strong) the faithful word (Truth / Bible) as he (pastor) hath been taught (finished learned), that he (pastor) may be able by sound (right) doctrine (teaching) both to exhort (encourage) and to convince (prove truth) the gainsayers (people speaking wrong).

*Pastors must be able to know what is error and to show all church what is error.

