

Character of Leaders (and you)

READ: Titus 1:5-9

⁵ The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. ⁶ An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. ⁷ Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁸ Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. ⁹ He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it., giving thanks to God the Father through him.

REFLECT: What are some ways a leader in the church should not behave (v. 7)? What are ways a leader of the church should behave? (vv. 6, 8-9)

Paul explains to Titus how important it is for leaders of the church to have good character. A person with good character is kind, selfless and does what is right. Paul tells Titus that leaders should be blameless and behave in ways that show others how to live Godly lives. Leaders are held to a high standard since they are to be examples of how we should follow God in all we do.

Even if you aren't a leader in the church, it is important for you to be person of good character. God wants you to be a person who loves what is good, is self-controlled and is living as Paul instructed in verse 8 and 9. Each day we need to remember to honor God in whatever we do (1 Corinthians 10:31). Today choose to live a life that is self-controlled, good and disciplined holding on firmly to the trustworthy message God has given us.

RESPOND: What kind of character do you have? Read verses 7–8 again. Is your behavior closer to verse 7 or verse 8? What areas in your life do you need God to help you change so you can honor God in all you do?

Pray that God will help you to be a person of good character. Give thanks for the leaders of your church and pray that God would help them hold firmly to the message God has given us.

Thank God for _____

Pray for _____