

The Trust & Respect of Leaders

Titus 1:5b part 2

Introduction:

Romans 12:2 *do not be conformed to this world*

James 4:4 *friendship with the world, is hostility toward God*

#1 - The importance of Elders to the _____ of a Local church

Titus 1:5 *For this reason I left you in Crete, that you might set in order what remains, and appoint elders in every city as I directed you,*

#2 - Who _____ Elders

Acts 15:22 *it seemed good to the elders, with the whole congregation.*

#3 - The crucial _____ of Elders, *seen in their...*

1st - Unique _____

1 Pet. 5:1 *Therefore, I exhort the elders among you... 2 shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight*

2nd - Unusual _____

Acts 14:23 *And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.*

3rd - Essential _____

#1 - Take _____ from the head

Acts 6:2 *...It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.*

1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree, and there be no divisions among you, but you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.
Phil 2:2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

#2 - Build up the _____ of the body

Titus 1:9 holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

1 Tim 3:2 able to teach.

1 Timothy 5:17 Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. **18** For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing," and "The laborer is worthy of his wages."

Eph. 4: 11 And He gave some ...as pastors and teachers,**12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

#3 - _____ the health of the body

Acts 20:29 I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; **30** and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. **31** Therefore be on the alert

Titus 1:10 For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers...**11** who must be silenced
3:10 Reject a factious man

Equipping parents to raise their children

2 Titus 2:4 encourage the young women to love their husbands

2 • Training gifted faithful men

2 2 Timothy 2:2 And the things which you have heard from me ..., these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

• Starting new churches

Acts 13:1 ...at Antioch... **2** ... while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." **3** Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4th - Their weighty _____

- 1. Family**
- 2. Shepherds heart**
- 3. Servant leader**
- 4. Righteous reputation**
- 5. Know, teach and defend the Word of God**

5th - Delegated _____

1 Peter 5: 1 *Therefore, I exhort the elders among you... 2 shepherd the flock of God among you 4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.*

Heb. 13: 17 *Obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you. 7 Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.*

1 Thessalonians 5:12 *But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, 13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.*

#4 - Focused _____ to one local church

Titus 1:5 *appoint elders in every city as I directed you,*

1st-Each Eldership is an _____

2nd-Each Eldership is to be _____

#5 - Biblical Apostolic _____

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Conclusion:

#1. Think of leadership as a _____

#2. Pursue God's _____ for leadership

*I Timothy 3:1 if any man aspires to the office of overseer
it is a fine work he desires to do*

#3. Become an _____ to your leaders

#4. True elders are those who _____ God's will for each local body of people.

#5. Submission to Godly authority starts with submission to _____

Romans 13:1 For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.