



Measuring our Leaders

Titus 1:5-9

Listen! In my judgment Abraham Lincoln was a great leader because...

Tension: Spiritual leadership is so critical, so difficult, and so valuable that we must carefully measure the people we choose to lead. How do we measure them?

Before we look at Titus 1:5-9 here is a glossary of terms that Paul uses:

- Elder:
- Overseer:
- Pastor:
- Shepherd:
- Office:
- Role:
- Gift:

Titus' work at Crete was to set things in order and appoint leaders, elders.

- The Church in Crete was “founded” but not yet “ordered.”

Spiritual leaders must be...people of great character:

- Above reproach:
- Husband of one wife:
- Having children who are faithful/controlled:
- Not accused of dissipation:
- Not accused of rebellion:
- Above reproach as God's steward:
- Not self-willed:
- Not quick tempered:
- Not addicted to wine:
- Not pugnacious:
- Not fond of sordid gain:
- Hospitable:
- Loving what is good:
- Sensible:
- Just:
- Devout:
- Self-controlled:

Spiritual leaders must be...people of great (biblical) thinking:

- Holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict:
- Sensible:

The Big Idea: The core standards for spiritual leaders are...great character and great (biblical) thinking.

So What?! What difference does this make?!? As you seek to influence others—and you should seek to influence others—are you a person of great character and great (biblical) thinking?

The Titus Journal—for October 18th—as we strive to be doers of the Word!

“Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.

The Big Idea: The core standards for spiritual leaders are...great character and great (biblical) thinking.

- Please read Titus 1:5-9 each day before looking at the exercises.
- **Today:** In what specific areas of life do you need the most influencing? Are there people who come to mind who would be helpful for you in these areas? Would you be willing to ask them for help?
- **Monday:** Is there a leader in your life who has had terrific positive influence on you? If so, why did they have such terrific influence? How would you describe their character? How would you describe their thinking?
- **Tuesday:** In what specific ways do you feel you need to grow in the area of character and integrity? What one initiative will you take to help with that?
- **Wednesday:** In what specific ways do you feel you need to grow in the area of biblical thinking? What one initiative will you take to help with that?
- **Thursday:** Who are the people you feel you could most positively influence? How?
- **Friday:** What are the “systems”—organizations, families, clubs, businesses—that you feel you could positively influence? How?
- **Saturday:** What is the central area of your life that needs work in order to bring you closer to being “above reproach?” What will you do?

Please!!!! Please pray for the elders, deacons, pastors, and all leaders at Cypress Bible Church! They all need your prayer for spiritual vitality, integrity, reputation, protection, vision, energy, wisdom, diligence, relationship style, and oceanic love for God’s people.

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