

Titus

Leadership for the Last Days

Trinity of Fairview Tuesday Night Bible Study

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I. Introduction

The church has an opportunity like never before to break outside preconceived notions both inside and outside the body, and make a major impact for the Kingdom of God.

To seize this moment will require great spiritual leadership as we function both inside and outside the body.

Titus gives us timely, and timeless, truth to utilize.

II. Background Information

Key Verse or Theme: I like 3:8

⁸ This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

This text underscores the inescapable connection between God focused faith and the works that spring from such faith.

That is the challenge for us as we attempt to be leaders in our spaces for the cause of Christ in these last days.

III. Brief Outline

A. Lead with Competence (1:1-16)

B. Lead with Character (2:1-15)

C. Lead with Conduct (3:1-15)

IV. Analysis

A. Lead with Competence (1:1-16)

1. The Basis of Competent Leadership (1:1-4)

In the church, we need competent leadership more than ever.

“What are the building blocks, the foundational characteristics of competent leadership?”

Competent Leadership:

- a. Is authoritative (Has a clear concept of their position; slave, apostle)
- b. Is appropriate (according to = consistent; fully aligned with)

The Faith (v1b), Faithfulness (v1c) The Focus(v2-3)

The Gospel Message is, and must be, the content, context, and cause of our preaching!

- c. Is aimed (v4)
 - >At enabling others.
 - >At engendering grace and peace.

2. The Basics of Competent Leadership (1:5-9)

What are the Biblical qualifications for leadership in the church?

a. See the Need Underscored (v5)

See here a two-fold need that called for Competent Leadership in Crete among the churches.

- i. Paul tells us the cause. (“wanting”)
- ii. Paul tells us the cure. (“ordain elders”)

b. See the Nature Unveiled (v6-9)

Note the clarion qualification is that the leader be “blameless”.

(This is twice mentioned, once in v6 and once in v7)

Note the list of areas where the leader is to be “blameless”

i-Home v6

ii-Heart v7-8

iii-Hands v9

My, what a challenging calling!

3. The Bane of Competent Leadership (1:10-16)

Perhaps the most challenging call of a church leader is to protect against false doctrine. This battle is fought spiritually in the church and in personal life.

See here the threefold test for every teacher of the Word.

(3 things I do constantly)

A. Check your Motives v.10-11

B. Check your Message v.12-14

C. Check your Morals v.15-16

Tonight we begin chapter 2...

B. Lead With Character (2:1-15)

I want to introduce this chapter with its critical and key verse.

2:11 (I will read 11 and 12 and focus on 11)

¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

I call this chapter, “The School of Grace”. For it describes the nature of Christian Life that only Grace Can Produce!

Grace is a Teacher!! (v12a)

1. Introduction (v11-12a)

The attributes of teaching Grace...

It is Unique (It is the Grace of God) Uplifting (It brings salvation) Unveiled (It has appeared) Undeniable (Unto all men) Utilitarian (teaches us...)

Grace is more than a wonderfully marvelous experience; it is a teacher that patiently hones those in its grip.

Love always is!

2. Seasons of the Life of Grace (v1-10)

a. The Experienced (v1-3)

b. The Energetic (v4-8)

c. The Enslaved (v9-10)