

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

⁸This 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:

Is Authoritative (Has a clear concept of their position; slave, apostle)

Is Appropriate (according to = consistent; fully aligned with The Gospel Message)

Is Aimed

->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)

Home v6, Heart v7-8, 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

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

key verses:

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; Uplifting; Unveiled; Undeniable; Utilitarian

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)

Older Men, Older Women

b. The Energetic (v4-8)
Young Women, Young Men

c. The Enslaved (v9-10)
Bondservants – Slaves

3. Standard of the life of Grace (v11-14)

a. Things Grace removes from the life (v12a)

b. Things Grace renders in the life (v12b)

c. Things Grace radiates in the life (v13-14)

d. Things Grace ratifies in the life (v15)

C. Lead with Conduct (2:15-3:15)

2:15 is a connective verse in my estimation. It ties what is before to what is coming next.

Our behavior in, and before, this world is important!

We must conduct ourselves in such a way befitting...

1. Called men and women (2:15)

2. Citizens (3:1-2)