Questions, Quotes and Notes

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Titus 1:5-9: Take Me to Your Leaders

Pre-Sermon:

Here are some questions to think about to get you ready to listen to the sermon on Sunday.

- 1. What do you think are some of the marks of a healthy church?
- 2. What are some reasons it is so important for a church to be healthy?
- 3. How important are a church's leaders to its being spiritually healthy? Why do you say that?
- 4. What is an elder and what does an elder do?

Mid-Sermon:

We are looking at Titus 1:5-9 together and seeing: 1.) That we need elders 2.) What kind of elders we need and 3.) Why we need elders. But instead of having you simply focus on listening for an outline, I want to give you some important ideas to listen for. So, as you come to the service, bring a piece of paper and a pen, and see if you can answer these questions as I preach.

- 1. What are we talking about today?
- 2. Why did Paul leave Titus in Crete?
- 3. Why is the church important?
- 4. If you ask God, what does it take to have a strong local church where would He start?
- 5. What are different terms the Bible uses to describe elders?
- 6. What is the only particular gifting the Bible talks about an elder needing?
- 7. What is the difference between a pastor and an elder?
- 8. What stands out from Paul's list about the qualifications to look for in an elder?
- 9. Why do we need elders?
- Important Cross References:
- 1. 1 Timothy 3:1-7

Notes:

Post Sermon:

- Important Quotes:
- 1. "The character and effectiveness of any church is directly related to the quality of its leadership."
- 2. John Mott's list of leadership qualities:
 - a. Do the little things well.
 - b. Focus on priorities.
 - c. Use leisure well.
 - d. Have intensity.
 - e. Has the potential for growth.
 - f. Perseveres when discouraged.
 - q. Has hope in seemingly impossible situations.
- 3. Some questions from Oswald Sander's list of leadership qualities:
 - a. Is he able to change?
 - b. Does he have self control when things go wrong?
 - c. Does he think independently?
 - d. How does he respond to criticism?
 - e. Is he a peacemaker?
 - f. Can he motivate people to happily do some legitimate thing that they normally would not wish to do?
 - g. How does he respond when people disagree with him?
 - h. Is he good at making friends?
 - i. Is he interested in all kinds of people?
 - j. Is he quick to forgive?
 - k. Does he welcome responsibility?
 - I. Does he direct people or develop people.
- 4. John Piper's list:
 - a. Restless
 - b. Optimistic
 - c. Intense
 - d. Self controlled
 - e. Thick skinned
 - f. Energetic
 - g. Hard thinker
 - h. Articulate
 - i. Able to teach
 - i. Tactful
 - k. Theological
 - I. A dreamer
 - m. Organized
 - n. Decisive
 - o. Persevering
 - p. Loving

- q. Restful
- 5. John MacArthur:
 - a. Steady
 - b. A good communicator
 - c. A man with great personal integrity
 - d. Selfless
 - e. Able to see what others don't
 - f. Kind
 - g. Joyful
 - h. Hard working
- Application:

We don't want to be hearers of the word only, but doers. Being a doer usually takes thinking, however. Spend some time thinking about how you can apply what you learned today.

- 1. How did this message give you hope? What should you believe as a result of this message?
- 2. Will you pray for these kinds of elders for Cornerstone Bible Church?
- 3. If elders are an example of what we should all be like, what quality in particular stood out to you as one that you need to work on?
- How Well Was I Listening Questions:

Here are some questions you can ask your children after listening to the message.

- 1. What passage did we talk about today?
- 2. What are some of the other words for elder in the Bible?
- 3. Who are the elders at Cornerstone Bible Church?
- 4. Why do we need elders?
- 5. What are some of the most important qualities we should look for in elders?

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