

Gospel Thinking, Gospel Living

Titus 1:5-9

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Healthy churches need healthy leaders who are shaped by the gospel. In Titus 1:5–9, Paul describes the character and convictions of those who lead God's people, showing us that biblical leadership is ultimately about who we are and what we believe.

1. What qualities make you trust someone as a leader?

LOOKING AT GOD'S WORD

Read Titus 1:5–9 together in the NIV.

2. Why did Paul leave Titus in Crete, according to verse 5? What does this tell us about Titus's responsibility?

3. What character qualities does Paul identify as important for an overseer? Which ones stand out to you?

4. What does Paul say an overseer must hold firmly to regarding God's message? Why is that important for someone leading God's people?

DIGGING DEEPER

5. Many of Paul's qualifications focus on a person's character and relationships rather than leadership skills. Why do you think character matters so much in spiritual leadership?

6. Which of the qualities in this passage would be most difficult to fake over time? Why?

7. Why do you think Paul connects holding firmly to the trustworthy message with the ability to encourage others and refute those who oppose it?

LIVING IT OUT

8. Which character quality in this passage would you most like God to strengthen in your own life? Why?

9. How can the people closest to you help you grow in the kind of character Paul describes here?

10. What is one specific step you can take this week to become more like the kind of person Paul describes in Titus 1:5–9?

PRAY TOGETHER