

Theme: Godly leaders are slaves to God and are commissioned by Him to encourage faith, knowledge, godliness, and hope in God's people.

I. Intro – Titus and Perry

- A. We are starting a new series on Titus
- B. We will be setting in Perry as an elder
- C. We will look at leaders early in the series
- D. A brief introduction to the man Titus
 - 1. Uncircumcised Gentile (Gal 2:3)
 - 2. Trusted fellow worker with Paul (2 Cor 8:23)
 - 3. Left in Crete to lead church (Titus 1:5)
- E. Titus – a great glimpse at godly leadership

II. The Paradoxical Basis of Godly Ministry

- A. Paul – the slave of God (v1a)
 - 1. Paul is the slave of God (v1a)
 - 2. δούλος – normally slave – not servant
 - 3. Paul has given up all rights – owned by God
- B. Paul – the commissioned apostle
 - 1. Paul is an apostle of Christ (v1a)

- 2. Paul entrusted to preach (v3)
- 3. Paul – apostle by God's command (v3)
- 4. Paul has authority in the church

III. The Goals of Godly Ministry

- A. To encourage faith in the elect
 - 1. For the faith of the elect (v1b)
 - 2. Here faith refers to trust – not creed
 - 3. The righteous live by faith (Rom 1:17)
 - 4. Impossible to please God without faith (Heb 11:6)
 - 5. Call to faith, and strengthen faith
- B. To encourage knowledge of the truth
 - 1. For the knowledge of the truth (v1c)
 - 2. This the knowledge of what is believed (creed)
 - 3. We must hold to THE faith (1 Tim 6:20-21; Jude 3)
- C. To encourage godliness
 - 1. This truth leads (accords with) to godliness (v1c)
 - 2. Truth leads to godly conduct (2:11-12; Rom 12:2)
 - 3. Creed – I did not make it, it is making me

Titus 1:1-4
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Hebrews 13:20-21

D. To encourage the hope of eternal life

1. “upon the hope of eternal life” (2a) – NIV too loose
2. Built on the fact that God cannot lie (2)
3. This is built on God’s eternal promise (2b)
4. Hebrews 6:18-20; 1 Clement 27:3

IV. Conclusion & Summary

A. Always make sure your leaders have these goals

1. Do not settle for less – beware itching ears!
2. We all need a full orbbed training plan
3. Includes affective, cognitive, behavioral
4. Are you looking for & receiving all three?

B. How are we doing in these areas?

1. Are we growing in faith – trusting in God?
2. Are we growing in knowledge – learning THE faith?
3. Are we growing in godliness – Living Christ-like?
4. Are we growing in hope of eternal life?

Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. Galatians 2:3

As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker among you; as for our brothers, they are representatives of the churches and an honor to Christ. 2 Corinthians 8:23

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians; I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high. Leviticus 26:13

For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." Romans 1:17

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6

Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. Grace be with you. 1 Timothy 6:20-21

Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. Jude 1:3

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, Titus 2:11-12

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-- his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2

And I believe what I believe is what makes me what I am
I did not make it, no it is making me
It is the very truth of God and not the invention of any man
Rich Mullins, *Creed*

¹⁸ God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. ¹⁹ We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek. Hebrews 6:18-20

With this hope, therefore, let our souls be bound to Him Who is faithful in His promises and righteous in His judgments. He who commanded us not to lie all the more will not lie Himself, for nothing is impossible with God, except to lie. Therefore let our faith in Him be rekindled within us... 1 Clement 27:3