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Greatness – Leadership Basics (Titus: 1:4-5)

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Your quest for greatness is fortified with this! These notes feature the Apostle Paul's specific instructions to Titus. This team member was developing a network of churches in Crete. That work has continued throughout the ages. What impact will your work have over the next hundred years?

INTRODUCTION

The Apostle Paul and his disciple Titus had started a church on Crete, a large Mediterranean Island. This was in about A.D. 60, likely during Paul's third or fourth missionary journey. Titus was left behind to set up the church and train leaders. Paul wrote to Titus in about A.D. 63 from Macedonia, now modern Yugoslavia. It seems Paul had received a report on the work. He wrote this letter to Titus, not to the church as in his other letters. **What would God tell you in a letter about your work during this season of life?**

GODLY LEADERSHIP

Titus 1:4-5 To Titus, my true son in our common faith. Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. The reason I left you in Crete was to set right what was left undone and, as I directed you, to appoint elders in every town. (CSB)

Qualifications of leaders (Titus 1:6-9)

1. An elder must be blameless, the husband of one wife, with faithful children who are not accused of wildness or rebellion.
2. As an overseer of God's household, he must be blameless, not arrogant, not hot-tempered, not an excessive drinker, not a bully, not greedy for money,
3. He must be hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, righteous, holy, self-controlled,
4. He must hold to the faithful message as taught, so that he will be able both to encourage with sound teaching and to refute those who contradict it.

How many of those attributes can you claim?

Duties of Elders (Titus 10-16)

1. Reject or avoid false teachers who are unruly, headstrong, and seeking power. They teach error on purpose to draw others into it. There were many in Crete who mingled Judaism and Christianity together, some from ignorance, others to disrupt.
2. Confront or convict those who teach error for monetary gain. These serve a worldly interest under the disguise of religion.
3. Meekness may not work when dealing with some bad characters in Crete. Those who are rough and corrupt, practicing gross sin may have to be rebuked sharply.
4. Be discerning when moving people into leadership or other serving positions. Some profess to know God, but their deeds reflect lack of an inner conscience. Help these come to know God.

Which of these bits of advice have you used?

TELL THE PEOPLE THIS TRUTH

Titus 3:6-9 God poured out his Spirit on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior so that, having been justified by his grace, we may become heirs with the hope of eternal life. This saying is trustworthy. I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed God might be careful to devote themselves to good works. These are good and profitable for everyone. (CSB)

Truth is simple for those in God's church. Standards are high for leaders in all levels of public service. **What advice would you add for an aspiring leader?**

A PRAYER

Almighty God: Thank You for giving me life and hope. Please equip me for the next step of my walk and my journey. Empower me to serve the people and to serve You. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen!