



Lessons from Titus: Unshakeable Leadership

Titus 1

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1. What does it mean to you, as Paul wrote in Titus 1:7, that a spiritual leader “must be above reproach”? Is this setting them up for failure, or how does this work in our sinful human reality? (See also the list of qualifications in 1 Timothy 3.)
2. This message in Titus is about leadership, but are these high expectations really just for leaders? Should there be different standards for leaders than for the average Christian? Why or why not?
3. Paul in 1 Timothy 3 calls the work of spiritual oversight a “noble task” (or “good work,” depending on the translation). He echoes this in Titus 1:16. As we see him making the connection between a sincere faith and right living, how do we see this working well? Can you think of examples of spiritual influences in your own life who immediately come to mind when you hear these descriptions?
4. Titus was by all accounts a faithful servant in God’s Kingdom in a difficult setting, full of plenty of opposition to the Gospel. What kind of encouragement do you hear in Titus 1 as to how a Christian is to survive in what we would call a hedonistic culture? What in this might be useful to you?
5. Discuss the ways in which God has called you to leadership, and – if not – the ways in which God might still need to prepare your heart/mind/life for this “good work” (Titus 1:16) as a response to His grace.
6. Pick your favorite examples of leaders from Scripture (Moses, Elijah, Abraham, Joseph, David, the list is long), and weigh their leadership based on some of these descriptions. In a world full of flawed leaders, how can we learn from these stories about how God still challenges and equips us for leadership?