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Power Hour

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--- journey through the Bible ---



# **1, 2 Timothy; Titus**

## **Christian Leadership**



# Introduction

- It is probable that Paul knew his death was at hand
- Paul emphasized the importance of appointing Leaders in every City – Titus 1:5
- Paul therefore in the instruction of appointment of these leaders, gives the qualifications of a leader
- These are the standards for God's house – lived out by Paul
- The Word indicated the word "bishop" which means overseer
- It's the call for spiritual leaders to take care of the church



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- Paul was silent on the following questions?
  - "Paul, what spiritual gifts should a leader have?" No answer.*
  - "Paul, what kind of training should a leader have?" No answer.*
  - "Paul, should we select a successful businessperson or a community leader?" Only silence.*
  - "But Paul, isn't it important for a leader to be able to preach an interesting sermon?" Again, except for his remark that a leader should be adept at teaching, there is no response.*



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- Paul points us away from such considerations - Look first to the quality of the life
- Leaders must live on God's truth
- Teaching = knowing **X**
- Using biblical knowledge to form sound doctrine means knowing by experience
- It leads in variably to the distinctive lifestyle Paul highlighted in these letters
- The goal of teaching sound doctrine is to produce love (1 Tim 1:5) and godliness (Tit 1:1)





# Paul's view on spiritual leaders

1 Tim 3:1-7 The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Tit 1:5-9 This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.



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<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Titus 1:5-9	1. Above reproach	Not open to censure; having unimpeachable integrity
	2. Husband of one wife	A one-wife kind of man, not a philanderer (doesn't necessarily rule out widowers or divorced men)
	3. Having believing children	Children are Christians, not incorrigible or unruly
	4. Not self-willed	Not arrogantly self-satisfied
	5. Not quick-tempered	Not prone to anger or irascible
	6. Not addicted to wine	Not fond of wine, or drunk
	7. Not pugnacious	Not contentious or quarrelsome





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Titus 1:5-9	8. Not a money-lover	Not greedy for money
	9. Hospitable	A stranger-lover, generous to guests
	10. Lover of good	Loving goodness
	11. Sensible	Self-controlled, sane, temperate
	12. Just	Righteous, upright, aligned with right
	13. Devout	Responsible in fulfilling moral obligations to God and man
	14. Self-controlled	Restrained, under control



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Titus 1:5-9	15. Holding fast the Word	Committed to God's Word as authoritative
	16. Able to teach sound doctrine	Calling others to wholeness through teaching God's Word
	17. Able to refute objections	Convincing those who speak against the truth
<b>Additional from</b> 1Tim 3:1-7	18. Temperate	Calm and collected in spirit; sober
	19. Gentle	Fair, equitable, not insisting on his own rights
	20. Able to manage household	A good leader in his own family
	21. Not a new convert	Not a new Christian





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<b>Additional from</b> 1 Tim 3:1-7	22. Well thought of	Good representative of Christ
<b>Additional from</b> 1 Pet 5:1-4	23. Willingly, not under compulsion	Not serving against his will
	24. According to God (in some Greek texts)	By God's appointment
	25. Not for shameful gain	Not money-motivated
	26. Not lording it over the flock	Not dominating in his area of ministry (a shepherd is to lead, not drive the flock)
	27. As an example	A pleasure to follow because of his Christian example
	28. As accountable to the Chief Shepherd	Motivated by the crown to be gained — authority to reign with Christ



# How leaders teach

- For the distinctive task of transmitting both true doctrine and a godly lifestyle, we are to choose leaders whose qualifications are a demonstrated Christian life — evidence that they themselves have *learned*
- Teach – build and maintain the church family
- How Paul taught Timothy –

2 Tim 2:22 So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

2 Tim 3:14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it

1 Tim 4:12 Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

1 Tim 4:16 Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.





# How leaders teach

- The process of communication does involve instruction, but it also requires that the teacher be willing to *live out* his teaching

***The message and the messenger become one***

***Change lives without saying a word***

- Teaching must go hand in hand with physical examples – lifestyle

2 Tim 3:10-11 “You . . . know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings”



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## Christian Lifestyle and Leaders

<b>Christian lifestyle includes</b>	<b>Christian leaders are</b>
Godliness	Above reproach
Faith	Temperate
Temperance	Self-controlled
Love	Respectable and upright
Self-control	Hospitable
Endurance	Not alcoholics
Dedication to good	Not violent but gentle
Integrity	Not Quarrelsome or quick-tempered
Seriousness	Not money-lovers
Subject to authority	Well-respected by non-believers
Trustworthiness	Lovers of good
Humility	
Considerateness	
Peaceableness	





# How leaders teach

## Principles of Communication

### Principle

### Passage from Deuteronomy

The Word is lived out by the model, who is its teacher.

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.

A close, "among" (=family) relationship exists between the teacher and the learner.

Impress them on your children.

The context of teaching is a daily life shared by teacher and learner alike.

Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up (Deut 6:6-7).



# Is this only for Leaders?

Deut 6:6-8 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

1 Pet 3:15-16 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

The Bible says that each of us is to communicate our faith in exactly the same way — by Word and by life





# Summary

- Christian Leadership has qualifications
- It's a lifestyle
- It's for the advancement of God's house
- It's for everyone





# Closing

THE MODEL IS JESUS CHRIST !!!

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Rom 8:19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.



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