

## **A Servant of GOD**

**1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;**

- Before You See my Status See My Service. I Am In Pursuit Of Truth - Nothing Against The truth

**2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;**

- Acknowledges the eternal future
- The Immutability of God- repeat that as you read
- Promises weren't made up as we went along they are before the world began revealed in its proper time

**3 But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Savior;**

- Declaring the Word brings it manifestation - speak what God Says

**4 To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.**

- Titus a faithful son of the faith

**5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:**

- I could go away knowing you will take care of it
- There were areas that needed shoring up and he knew he would address them
- Appoint people who would hold things up to the standard
- Titus recruited him- recruitment necessary

**6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.**

- There is not a reason for scandal -- bro tonic
- One Wife One Husband at a time - no polygamy
- Having Faithful Children (encourage)
- Riotous living and unable to take direction not a candidate

**<sup>7</sup> For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;**

- Manages what God gave him
- stubborn, refusing to let go of jaded opinions
- anger invokes evil - righteous indignation service
- Wine controls motives and habits
- quick to come to blows
- Won't pursue unless they get money out of it.

**Sees the <sup>8</sup> But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; importance of making people feel welcome and received,**

- Isn't in competition with others but celebrates their success not drunk with the world and worldly thoughts- carnal mind, fair in their decisions not partial nor play favorites self-control

**<sup>9</sup> Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.**

- Remembering the sound doctrine and teachings of the faith and willing to teach and stand up for them

**<sup>2</sup> That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.**

- You have the same qualifications but not the same responsibility

**<sup>3</sup> The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;**

- behavior that people would determine to be Godly
- The tendency to gossip and falsely accuse someone of the faith

**<sup>4</sup> That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,**

- Sober living conscious to acknowledge God in their endeavors
- teach the younger women how to love their husbands Jesus said obey (service with him- joint heirs of the promises of God)

**<sup>5</sup> To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.**

- not boisterous always yelling
- mindful of being a women of God
- your house is clean, laundry done, closets cleaned, shelves in order

- people see you respect the will of your husband as he follows Christ or kills the witness of Christ in the individuals life.

**<sup>6</sup>Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.**

- Recreation should not take you out of being sober.

<sup>7</sup> In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing uncorrupt ness, gravity, sincerity,

- Pattern tells who you are - association modifies behavior - those you associate with you become like.
- Sound doctrine that Elders commend
- when what you believe does not line up with the word of God - corrupt
- Be sincere about your walk with the King!

**<sup>8</sup>Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.**

- Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh!