

TOUGH GRACE IN DIFFICULT PLACES: A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF TITUS

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

TITUS 1:5–9



The Heart of the Matter

Few things are more important for a local church than having the right people in leadership. It's safe to say that most, if not all, of us have been in churches that lacked qualified leaders. And so we are not surprised that Paul addressed the subject of competent leadership immediately. It was of utmost importance that Titus selected the very best men to oversee the churches on Crete. But Paul's inspired list of qualifications was not only for Titus; it's still valid for us today.



Discovering the Way

1. The Main Reasons Why Titus Was Left (Titus 1:5)

Titus was left on the island of Crete to do a difficult job—to clean up a spiritual mess.

2. The “Blameless” Qualities Elders Must Possess (Titus 1:6–9)

The dirty job of cleaning up the churches couldn't be accomplished alone, so Paul instructed Titus to find a group of men who were blameless in their marriage and family, and in their character and conduct, to exhort and protect the churches.



Starting Your Journey

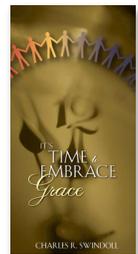
Qualified spiritual leaders possess at least three qualities. First, in the privacy of the home, they earn the right to be respected. Second, in their personal life, they model the reasons to be selected. And finally, in the public arena, they fill the role for others to be protected.



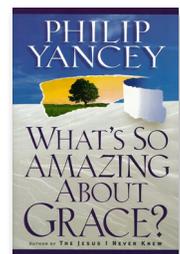
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