

10. Dr. Andrew Corbett

12 October 2020 at 5:26:52 pm

Titus 1:4 ¶ To Titus, my true child in a common faith: ¶ Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Titus 1:5 ¶ 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—

Titus 1:6 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.

Titus 1:7 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,

Titus 1:8 but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.

Titus 1:9 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.

11. Dr. Andrew Corbett

12 August 2020 at 3:49:15 pm

Titus 1:5 ¶ 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—

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12 October 2020 at 5:27:11 pm

To set the church/es in order and appoint elders (who could keep it in order)

13. Dr. Andrew Corbett

12 August 2020 at 3:50:13 pm

Titus 1:4 ¶ To Titus, my true child in a common faith: ¶ Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

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Because Titus was considered to be a ‘son in the faith’, that is, Paul and Titus had worked together for sometime and Titus had proven himself.



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**Titus 1:4-9**

**Truth #2** - God’s Church must be orderly and organised

**Doctrine #2** - The doctrine of the Church (Ecclesiology)

**Principle #2** - The Leader’s exemplary private life

The apostle Paul was a church planter. He knew that the best legacy that he could leave behind wherever he went to preach was a functional and vibrant local church that would become a base of operations for the extension of the Kingdom of God in their region. But to achieve this required teaching, training, and instruction.

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1. What did Paul expect Titus to do in Crete? (Titus 1:5)

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2. Based on Titus 1:4, why might Paul have had the confidence that Titus could carry out this task?

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12 August 2020 at 3:49:06 pm  
Titus 1:5 ¶ 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—

16. **Dr. Andrew Corbett**  
12 October 2020 at 5:28:50 pm  
Because Paul alludes to there being a church in several towns on Crete.

17. **Dr. Andrew Corbett**  
12 August 2020 at 3:48:42 pm  
Phil. 1:1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, ¶ To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

18. **Dr. Andrew Corbett**  
12 October 2020 at 5:29:32 pm  
1. Saints - ordinary Christians  
2. Deacons - those who served  
3. Elders/Overseers - those who shepherded the church

19. **Dr. Andrew Corbett**  
12 August 2020 at 4:00:29 pm  
Titus 1:6 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.  
Titus 1:7 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,  
Titus 1:8 but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.

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12 October 2020 at 5:30:41 pm  
Those who were genuine Christians, who were above reproach, the husband of one wife (who was also a believer), whose children are also believers, someone who is not given to openly sinful lifestyles, they must not be arrogant or quick tempered, or greedy for financial gain.

21. **Dr. Andrew Corbett**  
12 August 2020 at 4:02:50 pm  
Luke 10:3 Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.  
John 10:12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.  
Acts 20:29 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;

3. Paul's brief stay on the island of Crete apparently led to several churches being planted. How can we surmise this based on **Titus 1:5**?

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It seems that there was no suggestion to the contrary among the early Christians that becoming a Christian necessarily meant joining the local Christian community. God's plan of redemption not only involved individuals, it involved establishing and strengthening local churches.

### The Role of an Elder

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4. In **Philippians 1:1**, the Apostle Paul addresses three categories of believers that give us an insight into how the early church was structured. What are these three categories and what does this tell us about the early churches?

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The strength and health of a church stands or falls upon its leaders. In the early church there were qualified believers whom God called to be *overseers* over a congregation of believers.

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5. Based on **Titus 1:6-8** what was the criteria required for someone to be considered for appointment as an elder?

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These overseers (elders) were charged to guard the flock of God from 'wolves' (note: **Luke 10:3; John 10:12; Acts 20:29**)

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6. What two ways were elders to do this? (**Titus 1:8-9**)

Elders were to ensure that their church was organised and orderly.

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12 August 2020 at 4:09:32 pm

Matt. 16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

### The Doctrine of Ecclesiology

The Greek word for “church” is *ecclesia*. It means *the gathering of the called-out ones*. The doctrine of Ecclesiology is drawn together from what the New

23 Testament teaches about *the church*. In **Matthew 16:18** Christ declares that He was going to build His Church on the ‘rock’ of the revelation of who He was. That is, the church is comprised of those who have received a revelation from the Holy Spirit about the Lordship of Christ and the gift of faith to trust Him as their Saviour. The New Testament teaches that the Church must be led by those whom God calls and equips. By the time we get to the closing book of the New Testament, the Book of Revelation, we see the following structure emerge:



\* The word “angel” means messenger and can refer to a human being.  
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### The Principles for Our Growth

7. If you were helping a new believer to understand how Titus 1:4-9 applied to their life? What would you point out to them?

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## **Prayer**

*Father,*

*Help us to love what You love—the Church. Grant that we can be vitally connected with each other in a way that builds others up and serves to bring them closer to Christ. May we be nourished in Your Word and strengthened by Your Spirit each time we meet together. Enable us to carry the load within our local church that You have assigned to us. Anoint those in our church family who are called to guard, protect, strengthen and feed us. In Jesus' Name we pray.*

*Amen.*