

COMMUNITY GROUP - QUESTIONS ONLY

Fall 2024 - Trained By The Gospel - "Titus 1:5-9"

Monday, Nov. 18 - Sunday, Nov. 24 (Week 11)

In this sermon, Pastor McKinney continued our exploration of the qualifications of elders / pastors as outlined in the Book of Titus. The central theme of this week's message centers on the responsibilities that men of God must embrace, specifically the importance of "raising up" other men to lead alongside them. Pastor Mike emphasizes that while it's crucial for men to step up to the responsibilities placed upon them, they must also actively seek out and mentor other qualified men to ensure the strength and order of the church community. Using the example of Titus, who was tasked by Paul to appoint elders in every town, he underscores that men need to engage in relationships that build one another up and provide mutual support in their spiritual journeys. Pastor Mike delves into the essential traits of pastors / elders, highlighting their integrity and relationships with family, themselves, and the Word of God. He elaborates on the need for these men to be above reproach, self-aware, and faithful in their duties, while also ensuring they hold firm to sound doctrine. Throughout the sermon, he addresses cultural perceptions of masculinity, urging men not to shy away from their God-given roles due to fear of societal judgment. By casting a vision for what it truly means to be a man of God, rooted in the teachings of Christ, he invites all men to seek empowerment through faith, leading to a transformative impact in their lives and those around them. Ultimately, Pastor McKinney's sermon calls for renewal and courage among men, emphasizing the importance of accountability, mentorship, and reliance on the Word of God as the foundation for a fruitful life in service to others.

QUESTION #1: Why do you think it is important for men to raise up other men (and for women to raise up other women), as discussed in the sermon? How have you seen this play out in your own life or community?

QUESTION #2: The sermon emphasized the importance of integrity. How do you define integrity, and why is it crucial for a man or woman of God?

QUESTION #3: How does your relationship with the Word of God influence your daily decisions and interactions with others?

QUESTION #4: The sermon mentioned cultural pressures that can deter men from stepping into their God-given roles. What are some of these pressures, and how can they be overcome?

QUESTION #5: In what areas do you feel most vulnerable or in need of growth as a man or woman of God? How can the group support you in this?