

Grace Group Discussion Guide

Deadly Sins for a Leader Pt. 2

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Titus 1:7

Synopsis:

Titus provides a Blueprint for a Healthy Church

Ch.1 Blueprint for the Conduct of Leaders

The quality of being above reproach is demonstrated in 3 areas of a man's life:

1. Home and Family life
2. Personal Character

Questions:

Warm Up:

1. What is one way that the sermon encouraged, exhorted, challenged, or corrected you?

Discussion:

1. Scott discussed how an elder is not to have abusive authority, what does this mean?
2. What are some descriptions of this type of man? Think of some examples in Scripture of Abusive Authority (Violence) Cain, Moses, Peter etc.
3. Scott mentioned that an abuse of authority in the home often manifests itself in anger towards family members, how can we be on guard against this?
4. Read 1 Peter 2:23, 2 Timothy 2:24-25. How are you to respond after being reviled?
5. Pastor Scott said the elder is to not be greedy for gain, what happens when an elder becomes greedy for gain?
6. Read Matthew 6:19-24. What are some safe guards to protect against being greedy for gain in your own life?
7. Read 1 Timothy 6:5-11, Paul says that "Godliness with contentment is great gain". What are some heart motivations that should drive us as we strive to live lives that are above reproach?
8. What does it mean that an elder must be hospitable?
9. How were you challenged when it came to understanding the true meaning of hospitality?

Prayer Suggestion:

Message from Cory Cramer in Pogredec, Albania

We are so thankful for GCV! Our church is encouraged, growing and faithful! Praise the Lord. The recent conference was a huge blessing to all who attended and we want to thank you for sending the help! As I continue to pastor in our church we know the next goal is to raise up future qualified and godly leaders. This will take time and focus and God is blessing that. We also praise God for the many new opportunities to share Christ that have come into our lives!

Please pray:

- *1. That we would be faithful in our mission. In our small church and as the only pastor, I have a full plate shepherding and preaching every week. Pray for my faithfulness to Christ.*
- *2. Kristine has been given a new opportunity to go into a new prison for women that opened near our city. She is evangelizing to these ladies each week. Pray for their salvation. Most have never heard the gospel and less have understood it.*
- *3. Pray for the men in our church to be matured and raised up to help shepherd this congregation.*
- *4. Praise for the recent conference and pray that each family will apply all that we learned about God's love.*
- *5. Pray for our health, wisdom and endurance. Those three things keep us going here. Pray that God provides abundant health, wisdom and endurance as we press on!*