

Grace Group Discussion Guide

Deadly Sins for a Leader Pt. 1

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Titus 1:7

Synopsis:

Titus provides a Blueprint for a Healthy Church

Ch.1 Blueprint for the Conduct of Leaders

Ch.2 Blueprint for the Conduct of its Members

Ch.3 Blueprint for Conduct of Members in the World

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

1. Home and Family life
 - a. Relationship with His Wife
 - b. Relationship with His Children
2. Personal Character

Questions:

Warm Up:

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

Discussion:

1. Read Colossians 1:25; 1 Timothy 3:15. Why are Elders (overseers) crucial for the flourishing of the local church?
2. Why is the character demand of an Elder so high?
3. How did Paul describe arrogance, why can this not be seen in the life of an elder?
4. Read Proverbs 15:1, 15:18; 16:32, 19:11, Why is it necessary that an Elder cannot be quick to become angry?
5. How is the Elder to conduct himself around Alcohol?

Application:

1. How does it make you feel that these qualities are not simply for an elder but for all men in the church?
2. What are some ways in which we can protect ourselves from being arrogant? Read Matthew 20:25–28.
3. Anger at times can seem to be a respectable sin, but we are called to have patience. How can we learn to practice patience in difficulty?
4. How have you seen anger manifest itself in your own life or those around you?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 8:9–13, How should we practice discernment when dealing with liberties such as Alcohol?

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!*