

Grace Group Discussion Guide

The Virtues of Christian Leadership

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Titus 1:8

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. His Personal Character
 - a. 5 Deadly Characteristics
 - b. 6 Virtues

Questions:

Warm Up:

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

Discussion:

1. There is much debate in the evangelical church if the office of an Elder can be for both men and women. Why does the Elder need to be a man? 1 Timothy 2:12
2. What does the world look for in a leader, and how is this different from what God is looking for in an Elder?
3. Read Romans 12:9, Galatians 6:10, 1 Thessalonians 5:15. Why is it important that the Elder is to be a lover of Good? Why should every believer exemplify this character trait?
4. Why is it important to understand self control begins in the mind? What are some deadly sins that are a result of a lack of self control?
5. What are some areas of your life where you need to grow in being more sensible?
6. Read Job 1:1. How is Job described? What does living uprightly look like in your life?
7. Read 1 Peter 1:15–16, 1 Peter 2:9. What is the significance of living a holy and upright life as an ambassador for Christ?
8. Godly conduct is a fruit of a person who lives a disciplined life. What does it mean to live a disciplined life?
9. What are some areas of your life that would benefit from you practicing discipline?
10. How can spiritual disciplines help you have control over your: affections, impulses and desires?
11. What must be our driving motivator to avoid and pursue the following qualities?

Here is What to Avoid

- Arrogance
- Anger
- Alcohol (Excess)
- Authority (Abusive)
- Avarice

Here is What to Pursue

- Hospitable
- Lover of good
- Self controlled
- Holy/ Upright
- Devout/Disciplined

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!*