

GODLY ELDERS

Titus 1:1-16

Key verse: 7a

Discussion questions:

- Why does a church need elders?
- How can we grow in godly qualities to serve others?

Inductive study questions:

1. How did Paul identify himself? (1a) What purpose did he have with this identity? (1b) What is the appointed season that we are living in? (2-3)
2. What is the special relationship Paul had with Titus? (4) What was their common faith? Why had Paul left Titus in Crete? (5, 10-11) What pattern of leadership of developing in the church? (Ac 15:22)
3. What qualifications does Paul list regarding the character of an elder? (6-9) Why might these be important regarding family, personal character and ministering? How does a person's household reflect the household of God? Overall, why must an elder be "blameless"?
4. In what kind of social environment did Titus work (10-16)? Why did one of their own prophets despise Cretans? (12) How does this show the need for elders? (11) Why would a rebuke help the Cretans? (13-15)