

Titus 1.5-9

PASTORAL Letter / PERSONAL Letter / CHURCH Letter

Titus' 2 Tasks - v. 5

1) "Straighten out what is unfinished"

MIXED METAPHORES - straighten what is crooked / finish unfinished

MEDICAL TERM - // straightening a crooked limb

2) "appoint elders in every town"

Paul's Practice - Appoint Elders wherever he evangelized - Acts 14.23
Paul delegates this duty to his son in X - Titus - Bishop of Crete

REQUIREMENTS OF AN ELDER // v. 6 "elder" v. 7 "bishop"

FOUR OBSERVATIONS -

1) NT Same officers / w 2 different titles // 2nd C. 3 offices deacon-elder-Bp.

2) TEAM MINISTRY - "appoint elderS" - either 1 elder in several churches
or several elders in each different church

Acts 11.30 - 15 yrs after Resurrection - Church in Jerusalem "the elders"

Different Leaders / Different Gifts / Different Ministries - ONE CHURCH

Ordained & Not/ Salaried & Volunteer/ Fulltime & Parttime/ Men &
Women

3) MAIN FUNCTION "Elder" - v. 7 "entrusted w/ God's work"

v. 9 "hold firmly to the trustworthy message"

STEWARDSHIP - gives food & drink to the household // GIVE WORD OF
GOD

// 1 Timothy 3 - Timothy in Ephesus / same standards City & village
(Crete)

4) Selection of leaders - CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

Paul told Titus to do it - but MEMBERS opinions must be AFFIRMING

v. 6 “blameless” - NEEDS OPINIONS OF OTHERS

SPECIFIC RELATIONSHIPS - “blameless” - NOT Sinless or PERFECT

e.g. CANNOT BE ACCUSED - SINS are CONFESSED & COVERED