



How to Lead in 2017

Part 1 Who to follow

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Follow elders who are...

1. S _____

Titus 1:1 Paul, a bond-servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,

² in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,

³ but at the proper time manifested, *even* His word, in the proclamation with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior;

⁴ to Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

2. Q _____

⁵ For this reason I left you in Crete, that you might set in order what remains, and appoint elders in every city as I directed you,

⁶ *namely*, if any man be above reproach,

the husband of one wife,
having children who believe,
not accused of dissipation or rebellion.

⁷ For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward,

not self-willed,
not quick-tempered,
not addicted to wine,
not pugnacious,
not fond of sordid gain,

⁸but hospitable,
loving what is good,
sensible,

just,
devout,
self-controlled,

⁹holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching,
that he may be able both
to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

3. P _____

¹⁰ For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,
¹¹ who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not *teach*, for the sake of sordid gain.

¹² One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

¹³ This testimony is true. For this cause reprove them severely that they may be sound in the faith,

¹⁴ not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn away from the truth.

¹⁵ To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.

¹⁶ They profess to know God, but by *their* deeds they deny *Him*, being detestable and disobedient, and worthless for any good deed.

4. A _____ (in exhortation, correction and example)

2:1 But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.

² Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance.

³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

⁴ that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

⁵ *to be* sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored.

⁶ Likewise urge the young men to be sensible;

⁷ in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, *with* purity in doctrine, dignified,

⁸ sound *in* speech which is beyond reproach, in order that the opponent may be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

⁹ *Urge* bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative,

¹⁰ not pilfering, but showing all good faith that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,

¹² instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

¹³ looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus;

¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

¹⁵ These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

3:1 Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed,

² to malign no one, to be uncontentious, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.

³ For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

⁴ But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared,

⁵ He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

⁶ whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

⁷ that being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.

⁸ This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God may be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.

⁹ But shun foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law; for they are unprofitable and worthless.

¹⁰ Reject a factious man after a first and second warning,

¹¹ knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

¹² When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.

¹³ Diligently help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way so that nothing is lacking for them.

¹⁴ And let our *people* also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

¹⁵ All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in *the* faith. Grace be with you all.

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