



# How to Lead in 2017

## Part 3 Convictions

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### Follow men who are...

#### I. Servants

**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,

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

<sup>3</sup> 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;

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

#### II. Qualified

<sup>5</sup> 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,

<sup>6</sup> *namely*, if any man be

above reproach,

the husband of one wife,

having children who believe,

not accused of dissipation or rebellion.

<sup>7</sup> 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,

<sup>8</sup>but hospitable,

loving what is good,

sensible,

just,

devout,

self-controlled,

<sup>9</sup>holding 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.

### III. Protectors

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

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

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

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

<sup>15</sup> 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.

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

### IV. Authoritative (see 2:15) Men who hold these convictions:

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

**A** <sup>2</sup>Older men are to be

1. temperate,
2. dignified,
3. sensible,
4. sound in faith,
5. (sound) in love,
6. (sound) in perseverance.

**B** <sup>3</sup>Older women likewise are to be

1. reverent in their behavior,
2. not malicious gossips,
3. nor enslaved to much wine,
4. teaching what is good,

**C** <sup>4</sup>that they may encourage the **young women**

1. to love their husbands,
2. to love their children,
3. <sup>5</sup>to be sensible,
4. (to be) pure,
5. (to be) workers at home,
6. (to be) kind,
7. being subject to their own husbands,

that the word of God may not be dishonored.

**D** <sup>6</sup>Likewise urge the **young men** to be sensible;

**E** <sup>7</sup>in all things show **yourself** to be

1. an example of good deeds,
2. *with* purity in doctrine,
3. dignified,
4. <sup>8</sup>sound *in* speech which is beyond reproach,  
in order that the opponent may be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

**F** <sup>9</sup>*Urge* **bondslaves**

1. to be subject to their own masters in everything,
2. to be well-pleasing,
3. not argumentative,
4. <sup>10</sup>not pilfering,
5. but showing all good faith  
that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,

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

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

<sup>14</sup> 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.

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

**G** **3:1** Remind **them**

1. to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient,
2. to be ready for every good deed,
3. <sup>2</sup>to malign no one,
4. to be uncontentious,
5. gentle,
6. showing every consideration for all men.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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

<sup>5</sup> 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,

<sup>6</sup> whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

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

<sup>8</sup> 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.

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

<sup>10</sup> Reject a factious man after a first and second warning,

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

<sup>12</sup> 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.

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

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

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

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