



Blameless

Read Titus 1:5-9 (NIV)

1. The apostle Paul explains to Titus why he left him on the Greek island of Crete. What did Titus need to do? Why is it important for us to follow through on projects to completion? **(Verse 5)**

2. Titus needed to find people for leadership. Write down the four characteristics Paul said to look for. Why do you think these characteristics are listed here? **(Verse 6)**

...must be blameless

3. What is the main reason Paul gives to Titus that a church leader must be blameless? How will this affect the influence of the leader if they are not blameless? **(Verse 7)**

4. What are the disqualifications that Titus had to look out for in the character of the people he was looking to appoint? Paul gives five disqualifications. **(Verse 7)**



5. Identify the leadership characteristics Paul listed for Titus to be aware of when appointing leaders. Which one do you need to work on the most? (**Verse 8**)

6. Read **Verse 9** slowly. What does it mean to “hold firmly to the trustworthy message”? How are you doing this in your life? If not, what can you do about changing that?

7. According to **Verse 9**, an overseer must encourage others with _____ and refute _____. Why does Paul emphasize that both duties are for the overseer? Which is offensive and which is defensive? Now pray for God to help you be blameless in all your ways.

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⁵ The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint^[a] elders in every town, as I directed you. ⁶ An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe^[b] and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. ⁷ Since an overseer manages God’s household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁸ Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. ⁹ He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.