

CALVARY CHAPEL SOUTH BAY  
**MEN OF THE WORD**  
MEN'S MINISTRY  
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**"Holding Fast the Word of Life"**

**Session 2**

**October 1, 2019**

**"Setting things in order"**

Last week, Paul stated his mission and his message to Titus. Now he instructs him to take that and **"set in order"** anything that is **"lacking"** in the church. We see by this that there is an order to the kingdom of God; an order that aligns with God's will. From the beginning of the church there has been the need for constant growth in the church in order to come into alignment with God's will for us. Part of what is needed to achieve this is godly men who themselves have orderly lives that fall under the authority of God's Word. For leaders in the church do not only guide by word, but even more so by their example (1 Peter 5:3) as followers of Jesus Christ. For this reason, the role of an "elder" or leader is extremely important for the health of a church. As Paul begins describing the character traits needed for an elder in this passage, it is significant that he begins with his home life. For if a man can't run his own house according to the Word of God, how will he then profit the church? As you study this passage, consider your position as the leader of your home, and consider how important that is to the health and fruitfulness of God's church.

**Passage:** Titus 1:5-6

**Personal Study Time Questions:**

**Scripture: Titus 1:5**

What does it tell you when you see a phrase at the start of a passage like **"For this reason"**? What reason is Paul referring to?

**Scripture: Titus 1:5**

What is it that was “*lacking*” in the church at Crete that Paul wanted Titus to “*set in order*”?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 5:1-3; Titus 1:6-9**

What is one of the most important ways a godly elder can preach the Gospel according to Peter; and what does that tell you about why Paul’s requirements for an elder in Titus are what they are?

**Scripture: Titus 1:6**

What are the first characteristics an elder must have? Why do you think a man’s home life is so important for someone who would be a leader in the church?

### **Personal meditation time with Jesus:**

This life in Christ is a continual setting in order things that do not line up with God's will for our lives. The Bible calls this process sanctification. Consider the characteristics of a godly elder or leader that Paul starts with in verse 6. Aren't these really characteristics that all believers should have; that an elder should be living as an example of?

**"Blameless"** does not refer to actual sinless perfection, but to an acknowledgement and pursuit of it according to what God says in His Word. Is that your attitude toward sin? Are you real with God about your thoughts, words and conduct? Are you living out what 1John 1:5-10 says in order to keep your life **"set in order"** with Jesus? If you are married, are you a one-woman man, or do you lust in your heart towards other women? If you have children, do you discipline them as a loving father should (Hebrews 12:4-12)? How does your attitude and effort toward these types of things reflect your true "acknowledgement of the truth" (Titus 1:1)?

### **Hide God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):**

"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me."

Philippians 3:12