



“Mature Believers”

Leading the Way
Titus 1:6-9

Exemplary in their:

I. Relationships – “husband...having faithful children” (v. 6)

Understanding:

- A. Reproach** – “If any be blameless”
- B. Restraint** – “husband of one wife”
- C. Respect** - “children not accused of riot or unruly”

II. Reputation – “a bishop must be blameless” (v. 7)

Monitoring their:

- A. Management** - “as the steward of God”
- B. Mood** – “not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker”
- C. Motivation** – “not given to filthy lucre”

III. Readiness – “Holding fast the faithful Word” (vs. 8-9)

Demonstrating how to:

- A. Engage** – “a lover of hospitality
- B. Encourage** – “lover of good men”
- C. Expose** – “to convince the gainsayers”

Sentence Sermon

It is very rare for the spirituality of a group of Christians to exceed that of its leaders. J. Benton

Additional Verses

- *Matthew 12:19-21*
- *I Corinthians 11:1*
- *I Timothy 3:1-13; 6:5*
- *Titus 2:2*
- *James 1:19-20*
- *I Corinthians 4:1-2*
- *Ephesians 4:11-16*
- *Matthew 20:25-28*
- *Acts 20:28-35*
- *Ezekiel 34:1-16*
- *I Peter 5:1-2*

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. What does “If any be blameless” suggest about some believers?
4. Does having an unbelieving child disqualify an Elder? Explain
5. How would you describe a self-willed angry believer?
6. Which qualification do you find the most difficult to have?
7. How would you describe a person that is a lover of good?
8. Which qualifications are most common among believers?
9. What does it mean or look like for a believer to hold fast the faithful word?
10. What was required of Titus for him to qualify men to be elders in churches?
11. What other qualifications would you add that would make a better elder?
12. How long is someone disqualified from leading in the church?

