

# *the* TAKE HOME 10.02.16

## **Sermon Scripture Passage: Titus 1:5-9**

<sup>5</sup> The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint<sup>[a]</sup> elders in every town, as I directed you. <sup>6</sup> An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe<sup>[b]</sup> and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.

<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

## **Questions for Reflection & Discussion**

1. What did Paul expect Titus to do?
2. What do we expect our leaders to do? Is there a favorable comparison?
3. Are there any "surprises" to you in the list of traits Paul gives for godly leaders? Anything you didn't expect to see or anything missing in your estimate?
4. Do we have or should we institute a plan to raise up godly leaders?
5. What does or might that plan look like?
6. Why is it important to have godly leaders?

## **Prayer:**

1. Pastoral Search.
2. Our spiritual maturity as a body of believers.
3. Our new children's ministry director, Kim.
4. Our nation.