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Topic: A Study of Titus - Ordain the Elders!

Text: Titus 1:5-9

1. The problem in the church of Crete was that they were immature in their faith. They were materialistic, liars and unruly. Worse of all, many of them acted as counsellors who promote rebellion against God's Word. Therefore, Paul urgently exhorted Titus to help the church build a strong leadership which can teach God's truth.
2. One of the way is to ordain elders. Elders are honourable man in terms of their understanding and practice of Scripture. Their duty is to oversee the church. There must be multiple men involved to shoulder this burden. The qualification of elders are spiritual, not carnal. Societal standing, educational background, physical looks and duration of stay have nothing to do with choosing a spiritual elder.
3. The spiritual criteria set by God are: (1) blameless and without reproach in God's sight, (2) faithful and devoted to his wife, (3) children who are not rebellious and well disciplined. He must be able to rule his family as a prove of his calling to rule the church, (4) not self-entitled and does not promote self, (5) able to control his anger and not take revenge, (6) abstinence from wine and sober minded, (7) clean in terms of money matters, (8) willing to host others, (9) love things that are good and people who love God, (10) discipline in his walk with God.
4. With such elders in place, they can then teach the congregation what it truly means to receive God's Word. In summary, the elder must be constantly learning God's Word and be apt to teach doctrine. He does so by exhorting the congregation in the right direction and rebuking those who stray away.

*Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things.*

*Give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.*