

Teach, Encourage, Rebuke

Titus 1:5-16; 2:15

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BE CAREFUL!

- The world we live in as Christians is an evil and dangerous place.
- It wasn't much different in Paul's day. Crete was an especially rough place.
- Paul knew that believers on Crete were not organized to protect themselves.
- Paul encouraged Titus to select men as elders who would teach, encourage, and rebuke so that the church would be able to withstand worldliness and grow spiritual. (Titus 1:5-16, 2:15)

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ELDERS TEACH!

- Instruct in strong doctrine - "apt to teach" (1 Tm 3:2; 2 Tm 2:24-25)
- The Church at Crete needed strong teachers now (He 4:12-13; 2 Tm 3:16-17) and so do we!
- Elders have their work cut out for them... nonnegotiable.
- Elders must teach the word effectively.

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ELDERS ENCOURAGE!

- THE FIVE E's: Example, Encourage, Educate, Equip, and Enable.
- John Maxwell - "51% of leadership is encouragement!"
- The Church at Crete needed this type of example and encouragement... an example of the transforming power of God.
- Elders must be able to encourage all the members of their flock.

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ELDERS REBUKE!

- No one likes confrontation but someone has to stand up and refute false teachings (vs 9, 12).
- Paul warns that false teachers will come (Tt 3:9-11)
- Paul said the same thing to Timothy (1 Tm 1:3-4; 2 Tm 4:3-4).
- Sound doctrine is vitally important to the health of the congregation.
- All discipline is done with love to restore there person who is holding on to false perceptions.
- Elders must be willing to employ discipline.

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THE CHURCH NEEDS STRONG, BIBLICAL ELDERS

- Without strong Biblical elders, the church in the world today can fall into the pattern of this world... loveless, compromising, corrupt, lukewarm, or just plan dead.
- We need strong leaders who will teach, encourage, and rebuke so that we will be a strong, faithful, and growing church.

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