

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Altamoms - Thursday, October 24th @ 7 pm
- Women's Day at CityTeam Oakland - Friday, October 25th @ 11 am
- Women's Harvest Brunch - Saturday, November 2nd @ 9:30 am
 - EXTOL: Prayer & Praise - Thursday, November 7th @ 7 pm
 - Women's Day at CityTeam Oakland - Friday, November 8th
 - VBC Food Packing Event - Saturday, November 9th @ 10am
 - Goodguys Church Service - Sunday, November 10th @ 10am
- Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week - November 18th - 25th

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SONGS & SERMONS

"Lord, I Need You" - Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher

"This Is Amazing Grace" - Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle, Phil Wickham

"Be Thou My Vision (O God)" - Don Chapman, Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne

"Build My Life" - Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kable, Pat Barrett, Matt Redman

"Who You Say I Am" - Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

To listen or watch today's message, visit www.vbc.online/media

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,411,794.00

Giving Last Week.....\$50,837.00
Y-T-D Giving.....\$1,403,942.00

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TITUS
CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD

10/20/19 | MUSIC: SHAWN HOELSCH | MESSAGE: CHARLIE MENG

MESSAGE NOTES

Church Leadership
Titus 1:5-9

Paul's Intent: To direct Titus in correctly ordering the newly planted churches in Crete.

Titus 1:5a *This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order,*

Paul's Priority: To direct Titus to establish qualified & functional leadership.

1. There's a bunch of them.

Titus 1:5 *This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—*

Acts 14:21 *When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. ²³ And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.*

Paul's Pattern:

1. Lead people to Christ.
2. Nurture them in the faith.
3. Establish them in endurance of eternal hope.
4. Provide them with loving, spiritual leaders.



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2. They're appointed by other elders.

Titus 1:5 *This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—*

3. They have multiple names/titles.

Titus 1:5 *This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— . . . 7 For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain,*

4. They can't have "ugly" issues in life.

Titus 1:6 *if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. 7 For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain,*

5. Their family must be functioning properly.

Titus 1:6 *if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination.*

6. They can't be characterized by . . .

Titus 1:7 *For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain,*

7. They must be characterized by . . .

Titus 1:8 *but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.*

8. They must be firmly committed to God's Word & able to use it.

Titus 1:9 *He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.*

What does leadership look like among Jesus' people?

Heb. 13:7 *Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith...¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you*