







Possible route: 4th missionary journey!



The Letter to Titus

Chapter 1: Church life

Chapter 2: Individual and family life

Chapter 3: Society and public life

Titus Chapter One

- I. Greetings and Introduction (1:1-5)
 - A. From Paul to Titus (1:1-4)
 - B. Reason Titus was left in Crete (1:5)
- II. Elders and their qualifications (1:6-9)
- III. The need to deal with problem people (1:10-16)

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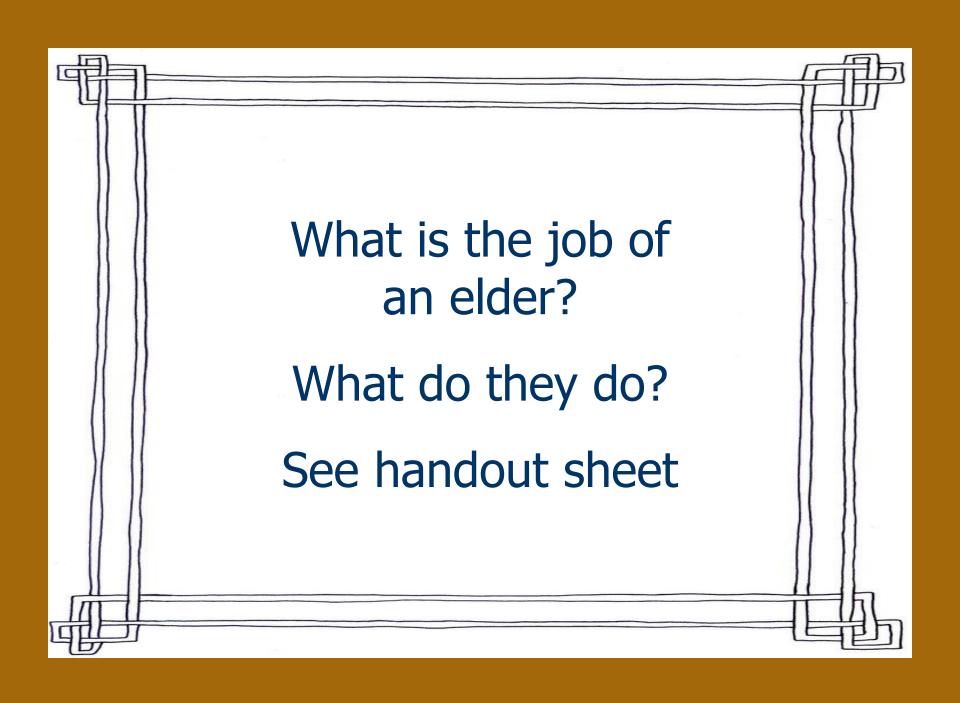
- Elders (1:5) = Greek presbuteros stressing age, experience
- Overseers (1:7) = Greek episkopos stressing their duty of oversight
- "And when they had appointed elders for them in every church..." (Acts 14:21-23)

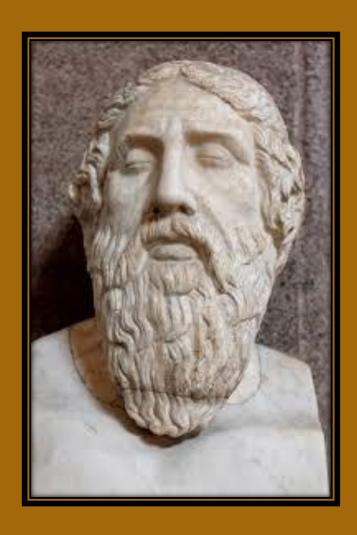
The overseer/ elder

- MUST (essential; necessary) = Greek dei be above reproach, blameless (1:6, 7)
- MUST be = I Tim. 3:2; above reproach, blameless (NOT sinless)
- MUST = I Tim. 3:7; have a good reputation with those outside the church
- You MUST *dei* be born again (John 3:7)

Do some sins disqualify permanently?

- Prov. 6:32-33 "The one who commits adultery with a woman is lacking sense. He who would destroy himself does it. Wounds and disgrace he will find and his reproach will not be blotted out."
- Forgiveness does not equal being qualified.





Epimenides, Cretan poet

About 500 B.C. "Cretans are always liars!"



How should churches handle people teaching error?

- 1. They are to be silenced, reproved (1:11, 13).
- 2. Reject a factious (heretical) person after lst and 2nd warning (3:10).
- 3. Avoid such men as these (2 Tim. 3:5).
- 4. With gentleness correct those (unbelievers) in opposition (2 Tim. 2:25).
- 5. Keep an eye on those causing dissention, contrary to the teaching you have heard. Turn away from them (Rom. 16:17-18).