

Possible route: 4<sup>th</sup> 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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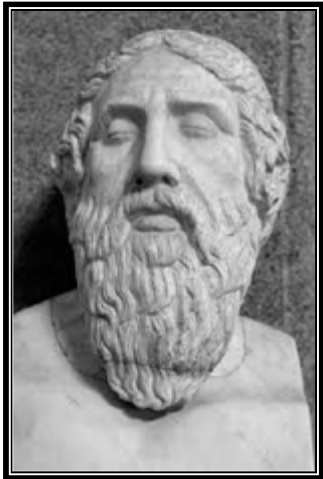
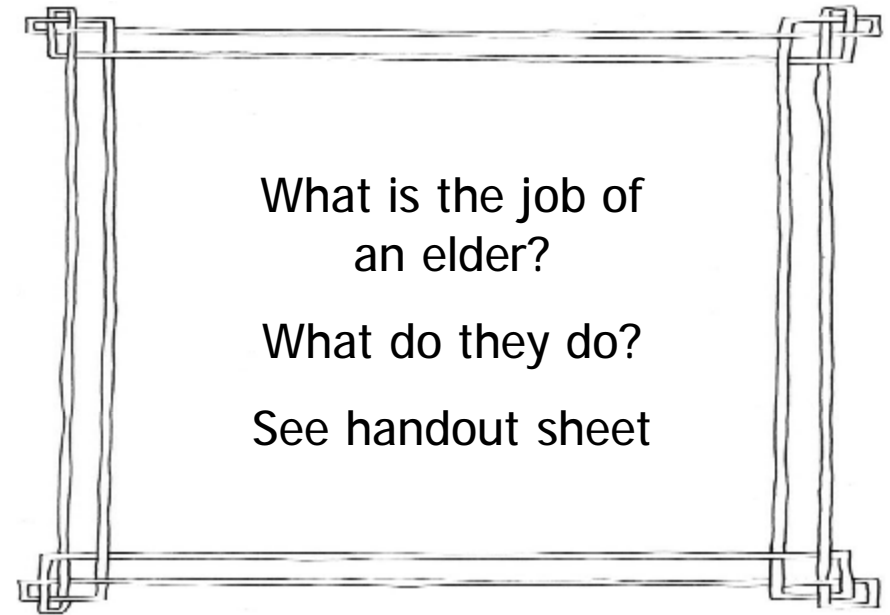
- n **Elders** (1:5) = Greek *presbuteros*  
stressing age, experience
- n **Overseers** (1:7) = Greek *episkopos*  
stressing their duty of oversight
- n "And when they had appointed elders for them in every church. . . " (Acts 14:21-23)

### The overseer/ elder

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

## Do some sins disqualify permanently?

- n 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."
- n 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, reprov'd (1:11, 13).
2. Reject a factious (heretical) person after 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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).