

19.1 The Pastoral Letter of Paul to Titus

Introduction

- 1) What are the three books of the NT that go by the title pastoral epistles?
- 2) Why do they have this title?

1A. Church officials

1) How does the character of Titus (per this title) guide the relationship of pastors and members in light of 1.5-9?

...appoint elders in every town as I directed you- 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, ⁸ but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. 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.

2) If you make a list of what you expect from your pastor from this text, to whom must you also apply the list *mutatis mutandis*?

3) What is the principle that justifies such a shift?

4) How do most commentators explain the requirement for an elder that his children are believers? Hints: a) combine the ideas of the next phrase (and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination) with 1 Timothy 3:4-5 (⁴ He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵ for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?). b) "Believers" or *having faith* can mean being _____ in the specific sense of _____.

2A. What are some lessons we can draw from the salutation?

Why is Paul an apostle?

Why does he write letters?

What does Paul typically bond with knowledge?

What is our resource for this kind of knowledge?

Titus 1:1-3 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, ² in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began ³ and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior