




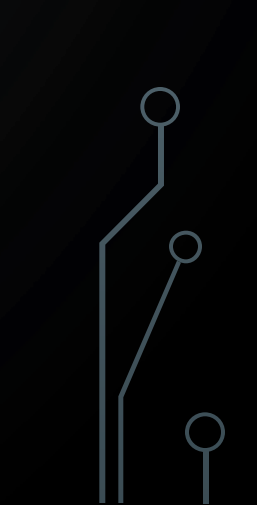
TITUS 1:1-9

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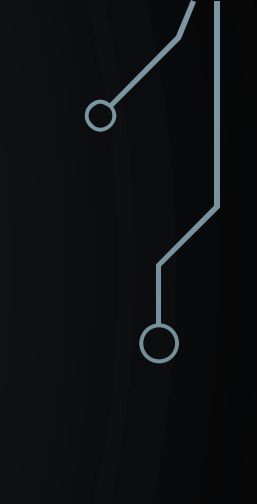
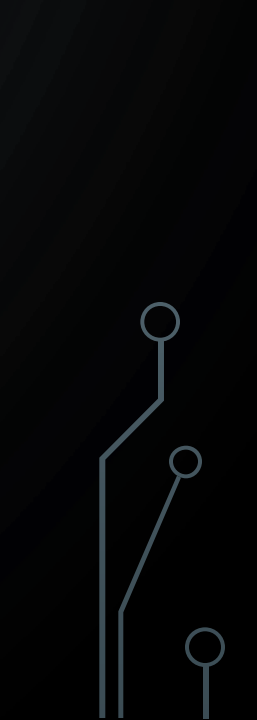
LETTER OPENING (1:1-4)

- **Author, recipient, greeting**
 - **Expanded into a Christian form**
 - **Lays a foundation for what follows**
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LETTER OPENING (1:1-4)

Answers three questions:

- 1. What authority does the letter bear?**
 - 2. What response is it intended to produce?**
 - 3. What is the basis of that response?**
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LETTER OPENING (1:1-4)

- **What authority does the letter bear?**
 - **Paul**
 - **Slave of God – God's representative**
 - **Apostle of Jesus Christ – Witness to and preacher of the gospel**

LETTER OPENING (1:1-4)

- **What response should the letter produce?**
 - **Faith – belief, trust, faithfulness**
 - **Knowledge of the truth that produces godliness – understanding of the gospel and its outworking**
 - **Hope of eternal life – expectation of sharing God's life**

LETTER OPENING (1:1-4)

- **What is the basis of that response?**
 - **God's commitment to give eternal life**
 - **Fulfilment of his promise in the gospel...**
 - **and in Paul's commission to proclaim it**

LETTER OPENING (1:1-4)

- **Trans-local leaders like Titus share some of Paul's authority and ministry**
- **Greeting is for favour and harmony/well-being...**
- **...from God and Christ in their saving plan**

APPOINTMENT OF CHURCH LEADERS (1:5-9)

- **Titus is to address matters outstanding...**
- **...and principally to appoint local leaders**
- **This task is for trans-local leaders**

APPOINTMENT OF CHURCH LEADERS (1:5-9)

- **Elders: senior men, heads of households, often older**
- **Overseer: governs congregations – teaching, care, discipline**
- **Steward: God's faithful representative in the 'household' of the church**

APPOINTMENT OF CHURCH LEADERS (1:5-9)

- **Characteristics of local leaders:**
 - **Moral qualities: godly character and conduct**
 - **Ministry qualifications: sound belief and leadership gifts**

APPOINTMENT OF CHURCH LEADERS (1:5-9)

- **Moral qualities:**

- **Expected of all church members**
- **Essential for leaders**
- **Family responsibilities + general vices and virtues**
- **Reflect society's higher values**
- **(Listed on slides 15-17)**

APPOINTMENT OF CHURCH LEADERS (1:5-9)

- **Ministry qualifications:**

- **Right belief – hold fast to the gospel**
- **Instruct and direct in apostolic teaching**
- **Refute and rebuke its opponents**

APPOINTMENT OF CHURCH LEADERS (1:5-9)

- **Apostolic teaching:**
 - **Settled body of truth authorised by God**
 - **Generates good qualities and brings eternal life**
 - **Leaders are tasked with holding to it and using it**

APPOINTMENT OF CHURCH LEADERS (1:5-9)

- **Church must protect correct doctrine and resist heresy...**
- **...and maintain appropriate conduct and reject immorality**
- **Primarily the task of leaders**

MORAL QUALITIES (1) FAMILY

- **Of good reputation, not accused of misbehaviour, e.g. ...**
- **Faithful to his wife**
- **Children are believers...**
- **and do not lack self-control or moderation, or disregard authority**

MORAL QUALITIES (2) VICES

- **Not arrogant, overbearing**
- **Not inclined to anger, quick-tempered**
- **Not addicted to wine, drunken**
- **Not a violent bully, pugnacious person**
- **Not pursuing dishonest gain**

MORAL QUALITIES (3) VIRTUES

- **Hospitable, to e.g. visiting preachers, believers in need, worship gatherings**
- **Selflessly pursuing inherently good things and people**
- **Self-controlled in thinking and consequent behaviour, prudent, judicious**
- **Upright, just, in dealings with others**
- **Pure and holy before God, devout**
- **Disciplined regarding the body and its desires**