

Developing Order in Your Life and in Our Church

Titus 1:5a

Introduction:

1 Cor. 14:33 *for God is not a God of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. 40 But let all things be done properly and in an orderly manner.*

Titus 1:5 *For this reason I left you in Crete, that you might set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you*

#0. Preview *what has happened on Crete*

#1. Purpose to live like _____

For this reason I left you in Crete

What is the God's pattern of order for the church?

• 1- _____-Evangelize strategic locations

Acts 13:44 *the next Sabbath nearly the whole city assembled to hear the word of God.*

Acts 14:1 *in Iconium they entered the synagogue of the Jews together, and spoke in such a manner that a great multitude believed, both of Jews and of Greeks.*

• 2- _____-Teach Christians through the Word

Acts 11:26 *for an entire year they met with the church, and taught considerable numbers* **Acts 14:22** *strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith*

Acts 20:31 *night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.*

• The Gatherings on Crete

• 3- _____-Appoint a team of elders

Acts 14:23 *And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.*

• Faith Bible Church

• 4- _____-Send out planters to start new Churches

Acts 13:2 *while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. 3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.*

1 Peter 2:9 *...you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him ...*

2 Tim. 1:7 *a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.*

#2. Admit that you [we] fall _____

what remains

Titus 3:13 *Diligently help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way so that nothing is lacking for them.*

James 1:4 *And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

Eph. 4:11 *God gave some...as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;*

#3. Adopt the necessary _____

set in order

1st - _____

2nd - _____

3rd - _____

1 Thess. 4:11 *and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands*

4th - _____

5th - With a goal to _____

#4. Identify your/our area's of _____

set in order what remains

What did these fledgling churches mainly need?

1st - A Godly _____ Team.

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2nd - False Teachers/Teaching _____

1:10 For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, ...**11** who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach... **3:10** Reject a factious man after a first and second warning

3rd - Teaching that resulted in holy _____

2:1 speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine. **2:15** These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you. **3:8** concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God may be careful to engage in good deeds.

#5. Focus on the _____ priority

and appoint elders in every city

Hos. 4:9 *like people, like priest;*

1 Pet. 5:1 *I exhort the elders among you...2 shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; 3 nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.*

#6. Rely on God's ___ and _____

as I directed you

Matt. 11:1 *when Jesus had finished giving instructions to His 12 disciples* Luke 17:9 *he did the things which were commanded*

1 Cor. 11:34 *...And the remaining matters I shall arrange when I come.*

Conclusion: How is a life of order possible?

1st. _____ to Christ

John 8:36 *If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.*

John 10:10 *The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.*

2nd. _____ by the Holy Spirit

Eph. 5:18 *do not get drunk with wine,...but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;*

3rd. _____ in God's Word

Col. 3:16 *Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

4th. _____ of your will

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Questions for this week

- What is out of order in your life and family?
- What is the most important step to take to find order?
- What ways will you cooperate to develop order this week?

Questions for next week

- What is the difference between an Elder, Pastor, Shepherd or Overseer?
- Why does God insist on a team of Elders and not a Senior Pastor?
- In what ways must I be like an Elder of a Church?