



# Titus

Conquers Corruption in A Culture  
Of Chaos Requires  
**Key Men**  
**Key Men Must Be Family Men**  
(Part 2 of 4)



**Titus 1:6**

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**Purpose:** Encourage and inspire men to answer the call to follow Christ faithfully.

Welcome to HBF, If you are joining us for the first time we are thankful you are here. If you don't have a bible, please grab one from your guest bag or the seat rack in front of you and turn to page 1595. We will be in the epistle of Titus chapter 1.

## Introduction:

We have been in the book of Titus. We have seen how we need a **faithful word**, **faithful workman** and **faithful work** to **conquer the chaos of a corrupt culture**. God has moved Paul to send Titus to Crete to establish biblical order in a culture of corruption and chaos.

On September 14<sup>th</sup> we began a four-week journey and examine the key thing necessary for God to bring order in a culture of chaos. Does anyone recall what the three key things were? I will help you because I have slept since then as well. It is **key men in key churches** with a **key message** for that culture that changes hearts and minds of the individuals, families and communities that are transformed by the power of the gospel and the unassailable wisdom of the words of God.

## Key Men:

- I. Key men must be faithful men. **Titus 1:5** (September 14, 2025)
- II. Key men must be family men. **Titus 1:6** (September 28, 2025 TODAY)
- III. Key men must be blameless men. **Titus 1:7-8** (October 5, 2025)
- IV. Key men must be fighting men. **Titus 9-16** (October 12, 2025)

**Let's read our text and dig into the word of God this morning!**

**Read Titus 1:5-16 (Pray)**

<sup>5</sup> For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: <sup>6</sup> **If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.** <sup>7</sup> For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; <sup>8</sup>

*But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; <sup>9</sup> Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. <sup>10</sup> For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: <sup>11</sup> Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. <sup>12</sup> One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. <sup>13</sup> This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; <sup>14</sup> Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. <sup>15</sup> Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. <sup>16</sup> They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. **Titus 1:5-16***

(Pray)

While we have already touched on this passage and the relationship of Titus and Paul, I want to take the balance of our time and focus on the importance of key men being faithful in a corrupt culture that needs Christ's witness.

Conquering Corruption in a Culture of Chaos Requires Key Men

Sermon one of four: Key Men Must Be Faithful Men

Sermon two of four: Key Men Must Be Family Men

## I. Family Men Are Faithful Men.

*6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly **Titus 1:6***

Paul was specific in his expectation for the leaders of the church. They should be men who understand how to lead the home. While Paul is very clear that those who lead the church should be males and have godly character, he only deals with character and leaves enough room for all men who are willing and able to follow Christ.

A. The good news is a faithful man can be **any** man.

1. You are only a decision away from beginning the journey into being a faithful man who is a key family man.
2. Notice the text, “**if any**” be blameless.
  - a. **Any man who is willing to follow Christ faithfully is a candidate** for being a faithful man. The issue is not faithfulness to your family; it is faithfulness to Christ.
  - b. **You see there are many men who are faithful to their families who are not faithful to Christ.** What that means is they are not qualified to represent Christ in the church or in the culture.
3. Any Christian can choose to be blameless.

- a. Following the “if any” comes the words “be blameless”. We will define that at length as we look at fighting men but for sake of clarity let’s get some metrics to measure some of the things a Cretan could accuse you of that should not stick to your character.
- b. Let’s have a look at the works of the flesh. If this is prominent in your character you will NOT be blameless. **Galatians 5:19-21**
- 1) **Adultery:** Sexual relations outside of heterosexual marriage.
  - 2) **Fornication:** Sexual sin in addition to adultery. Homosexual relationships, bestiality, incest, etc. Perverse sexual relationships. The same stuff that goes on today was going on in first century Rome. That is the sort of thing the godly man should not have attached to his name or character. I made sure when my children were small that we didn’t conflate people’s identity with their behavior. It is common in our culture to say someone is “gay”, “Trans”, “Queer”, this or that. Well biblically it is all sexual perversion or confusion so I would teach my children, they are confused by the behavior they allow which is perverse and who God created them to be. They are simply a male or a female, saved or lost. What they do sexually is not really their identity, it is how Satan has blinded them from their true identity as a being created in God’s likeness.
  - 3) **Uncleanness:** This strikes all of us. It’s not just impure living it also gets into our impure motives.
  - 4) **Lasciviousness:** This is shameless wantonness or unbridled lust. This is often what draws people into pornographic idolatry. This sort of perversion is prevalent in our culture today as it was in the first century.
  - 5) **Idolatry:** The worship of false gods. We covered this at length in Exodus. Anything you place ahead of God. Your race, your political party, your job, your education, your Recreation, your spouse, your children, yourself, etc. Again, there is not one of us that isn’t struggling with idolatry in some way, shape or form. Our flesh and our ego’s love it!
  - 6) **Witchcraft:** This is not just Wicca or Satanism, though that would be included. The Greek word for Witchcraft is sorcery which comes from Pharmakia meaning pharmacy (drugs). We wonder why people take guns and go into churches, schools and shopping malls and randomly or not so randomly murder people. It is often because they are out of their minds on drugs. There are government studies that suggest that over 20% of mass shootings are tied to people impacted by psychiatric drugs. I placed a report

with <sup>1</sup>studies on this phenomenon on the hbfcass website under today's sermon.

- 7) **Hatred:** Hatred still means hatred. "At war with"
- 8) **Variance:** Contention, strife, debate.
- 9) **Emulations:** a zealous jealousy. We have seen this green eyed monster work through HBF in years past. It is very destructive in the body of Christ. In the IT world emulation means to mirror or act as something else. In the bible it's the desire to act or be someone else, not satisfied with God's arrangements.
- 10) **Wrath:** Wrath means wrath. Associated with wine because of the treading of grapes and the wrath of God poured out at Armageddon as we studied on Wednesday night.
- 11) **Strife:** This word is found five times in the bible as strife and two times as contentious. In a nutshell it is to strive and contend over differences.
- 12) **Seditions:** The only time this Greek word is translated sedition is here. In the other three mentions of the New Testament it is "Division". We have all witnessed those who desire to cause division in the church of God.
- 13) **Heresies:** This word is very similar to sedition but it mean to divide into sects. We often cry heresy over false teaching as we should, but the deeper meaning of the word is that heresy is intentional division around a teaching that intended to divide the body. It is not an innocent misunderstanding of scripture but a twisting of truth to accomplish a person or groups aims.
- 14) **Envyings:** Means envyings. We all know what that means and it is the seed or the result of emulation.
- 15) **Murders:** Means murder. Slay. Still the definition we use today!
- 16) **Drunkenness:** Ditto, you know what this means too.
- 17) **Revelings:** Used three times in the New Testament twice is revelings and once is rioting. We all understand what happens after midnight at the party. What the world celebrates with alcohol and drugs ends up spilling into the parking lot where all kinds of riot takes place. I can still recall witnessing this at a Catholic wedding when I was 9 (tell the story). Father's your children don't need to see you drinking, smoking, popping pills, and doing all the other things that come with it after midnight.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cchrnt.org/pdfs/violence-report.pdf>

I was looking for Butch Page's Obituary online and I came across another obit from another state. The fellow in the picture is sitting there with a fifth of whiskey in his hand grinning ear to ear. I suspect they probably sang "I did it my way" at his funeral. That may seem funny when you are tanked up but as soon as you open your eyes in hell that smirk will be gone and a man who laughs at God's word will be begging God to send and ambassador to his family so they don't come to his place!

**See the Rich man in Luke 16!**

Paul needs Titus to find men that walk in the Spirit, not be full of spirits that leads to drunkenness raveling's and "such like"

- 18) And such like: Just in case Paul misses something he lets us know that if the Spirit of God says no, we should agree with him.
- c. You may have noticed there are 18 things mentioned in Galatians 5. That is often a number associated with the Antichrist. It is therefore no surprise that the works of the flesh are working against Christ not for him.
- B. God's key men need to be family men because they must **build** families not **destroy** them.
  1. From the opening pages of scripture we have seen that there is a need for key men to stand up and protect the family.
  2. Adam failed in the garden but Jesus prayed in the garden. Where the first Adam failed the last Adam succeeded.
  3. Satan has done a great job of duping men of good intention into trying to fight the right battle with the wrong tools.
    - a. Many years ago we did a study by John Eldridge which was ok. I don't know if anyone here except for Roger Grant was in that Tuesday night Study. John Eldridge takes men on the journey of masculinity which really was a good study for your average man working in Corporate woods in a cubical. However, my group was working men. They didn't need to go out and rustle a steer or ride a horse to get in touch with their masculinity. It all seemed a little corny to me. However his ultimate premise was on the mark. **Real men fight for their marriages and families.**
    - b. To this point. I have an entire message on "fighting men" coming up but let me give you an advance. We won't win the war for our families by taking creatine, pumping iron and having man camps (though there is nothing wrong with any of those things). If you really want to put fear in the heart of darkness and the kingdom of darkness.

<sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: <sup>4</sup> (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) <sup>5</sup> Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; <sup>6</sup> And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. **2 Corinthians 10:3-6**

4. The point: God needs men who understand where the battle is held. It's held in the context of the family.
  - a. Crete may have looked like our culture. There could have been as many divorces in the church as their was in the world.
  - b. The battle is for the family. Abortion touches people in this church. That is why we are careful to be balanced on this subject and not politicize it. There are women in this building who have been afflicted with this choice. It is our job to stand in the gap and make a difference. We have to have spiritual answers to spiritual problems because if we don't the consequences are disastrous for the most vulnerable in the body of Christ and the communities we are planted in.
  - c. Getting off meth isn't just about getting arrested. That may be part of it but the other part is being liberated by the grace of God from the sin that easily besets us.
  - d. I think you get what I'm laying down. **Being a family man is being a bible man that knows how to use the sword to cut the cords of sin off a man, woman or child with the sword of the Spirit.** You won't get that sword sharp if you don't get hold of it on the handle end. It is sharp and can do the work that only God can do.
5. For Christ's sake, be a man who builds the family instead of destroying it. The text says this is open to any man. Be that man who is blameless and builds his family instead of destroying it with sin.

**II. A key man's faithfulness is reflected by his relationship with his wife.**

- A. Paul is clearly seeing married men to lead the churches because married men lead the society.
- B. This is not to say single men are not useful in ministry and cannot be missionaries or even Pastors. However in Timothy and Titus' cases, Paul was very clear that the home will inform the appointed leaders and the church body who God approves as pastor of his churches.
- C. Today there is a lot of discussion of women deacons and pastors. The presumption is that because we are in Christ and are new creatures, which we are, there is no longer a distinction between the male and



female genders. A quick use of the law of first mention would take you back to Adam and Eve and reveal that before sin ever entered the equation God designed men to protect and provide for their wives and families and women were assigned the responsibility to helping meet the needs of the husband for the glory of God. That statement today is considered hate speech in some circles. Some of the criticism is justified as men have abused authority and much of it is based in rebellion against God and the unregenerate soul. Adam Hamilton at Church of the Resurrection would never call out homosexuality as wrong, immoral or harmful to those who engage in and build relationships around sexual perversion. That is why an influential man on earth may not have the same esteem in Heaven.

- D. God is an equal opportunity offender, and he is calling men and women to leave their sexual perversion once they receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. I mean this.... I don't expect lost people to act saved. We have people in our congregation that have privately shared their struggles with various sexual perversion including same sex attraction. That makes them human. I don't hate them, cast them out or "out them". I pray with them and pray for them as they seek to follow God's word and his way. There are all kinds of sinful behaviors God has saved us from that we battle after we are saved. One member's flesh has an appetite for sexual perversion, another's is appetite, another is slothfulness, another's is thievery, another is hatred, we could go on and on about the flesh, but I digress. What Paul is calling Titus to find on the isle of Crete is men who are blameless Christian males who are faithfully married to one wife.
- E. Now, let me take a few minutes to speak about what it means to be the husband of "one wife".
  - 1. There has been much discussion about what this means.
  - 2. Some take it to mean a man is not to be a polygamist. That is certainly true, but that is a foregone conclusion that a man will not fulfill the office if he cannot meet the requirements of the mystery of marriage defined in **Ephesians 5** which is a union of one man with one woman in submission to the Lord Jesus Christ.
    - a. This subject came up in my time in Juba, South Sudan this past year. There were many in our class who were struggling with this teaching because of tribal traditions. In South Sudan, both tribal and civil laws approve and even promote polygamy. You can imagine how the men of influence and wealth have more than one wife. That bleeds over into the pastorate as well in some churches. I made it very clear that the man of God that leads the church is to

be “counter cultural” in this matter and limit himself to one wife. This is biblical and practical as he already has responsibilities to shepherd a church full of widows and single women who need their head covered. He does not need the added responsibility of multiple wives. Beyond that, the picture from Genesis 1&2 and the biblical record in the New Testament that the pastor is to be married to one wife until death parts them.

- b. Conversely, if a man of means is married to several wives, he may not commit murder or abandon his wives and children. That is what he came into the Kingdom of God with, that is what he should steward for God’s glory.
  - c. The question also came up about a wife that is bound by marriage that is not the first wife and has not had children. I gave my judgment and told them that in my opinion, if the husband saw fit to release her to marry another Christian male and raise a family in the fear and admonition of the Lord, I believe that would be best but to be honest, that kind of sin and confusion should be dealt with on a case by case basis.
  - d. In my dealings with tribal laws, I also came across women who had multiple husbands. That is also forbidden in scripture, even in the Old Testament. I have seen this practiced in certain places in Asia as well.
- 3. Some take it to mean a man who has only been married to one woman. This then would exclude a widow from remarrying and holding the office of bishop. This doesn’t make any scriptural sense as Paul will write in this same epistle encouraging widows to marriage and there is no place in scripture where widows are forbid from marrying. In 1 Timothy 4:3 Paul will speak about not forbidding to marry as a sin. It makes no sense to apply to those who have been widowed.
  - 4. Some take this to mean a man who has never been divorced. I think that is a good interpretation considering the context. And that is certainly something that would impede a man from the office if he were divorced **after being born again ( a man is new creature after salvation)**. However I think this is what Paul is referring to in part, but I think the meaning in regard to character can go further.
  - 5. There are some men who are married, yet they have **eyes full of adultery!** Peter speaking of the many characteristics of the false prophet in 2 Peter mentions what their eyes are full of.



**2 Peter 2:14** *Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:*

6. Lust of the eyes is certainly every man's battle, including the pastor, but the pastor should certainly be like Job and be intentional about being a one woman man.

**Job 31:1** *I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?*

7. Solomon said it this way.

**Proverbs 5:15** *Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.*

4. In the west, this is pretty clear. A key man is a blameless man who is a one woman man. A man who is faithful to God, his wife and his children.
5. We will touch more on this next week.

III. A key man is a faithful family man that must have faithful **fruit** in his family.

**6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. Titus 1:6**

A. Faith **begets** faith!

1. Paul is asking Titus to find a man's faithfulness that has become fruitfulness.
2. If we are going to have a man head up the charge to make disciples in a church family, we should probably take a minute to look at his physical family.
3. When I started at HBF, I didn't have physical children, only spiritual children so HBF was taking a chance on me to see if I was doing in my home what God was calling me to do in the church.
4. Men, this is no light charge. We have not even gotten to the "bishop" part of this sermon series. To a man, we should endeavor to have faith that bear fruit in the lives of our families.

B. We must ask the hard **question**.

Men, do we have "faithful children"?

1. How many times to you think the phrase "faithful children" is found the scripture? Before you do you word search I will tell you, once! Right here in Titus 1:6.
2. Faithful children are not a foregone conclusion. And before you are too hard on yourself, remember that God created Adam, Luke 3:38 says Adam was the Son of God. God created Adam with every opportunity to be a faithful child and he failed miserably just like all of

us. However, when it comes to changing society, God is looking for men who can recover their children from the snare of the devil.

3. God did that for Adam and he did it through a substitutionary atonement. If you are going to have faithful children you will need to make sure they have a relationship with the Lamb who is their substitutionary atonement. Many parents do a great job of teaching the precept of “children obey”, but they never link it to Jesus’ obedience to our sin. If all a child hears is obey, obey, obey, and they never see that our disobedience is what caused Jesus to obey the Father when he went to the cross, you can have a disciplined yet faithless child. **Faithful children are the byproduct of faithful men.**
4. Oh yeah, since we are talking about faithful men in relation to faithful children, how often do you think the phrase faithful men appears in the scripture? If you guessed once, you would be correct! Faithful children is only in Titus 1:6 and faithful men only appears in the passage we all have committed to memory in 2 Timothy 2:2.

*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to **faithful men**, who shall be able to teach others also. **2 Timothy 2:2***

- 1) “children” is mentioned 1822 times in 1524 verses.
- 2) “men” is mentioned 1677 times in 1677 verses.
- 3) “faithful” is mentioned 82 times in 72 verses.

C. Having faithful children requires faithful **parenting**.

1. There is no guarantee that a child will be faithful regardless of all the investment of a faithful parent.
2. However the promise, is that if we do our part, we can trust God to do his part in bringing the prodigal home. The only mention of the phrase, “Train up a child” is found in **Proverbs 22:6** and all of us parents hang on to this.

*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when **he is old**, he will not depart from it. **Proverbs 22:6***

3. Sadly, too many of us who are the old prodigals who waited way too long and wasted way too many days before we realized the truth of scripture was really the way, the truth and he life. Praise God for the faithful parents who sowed the word of God and set a good example.
4. I have a faithful friend who is the father of a prodigal. He told me that he (metaphorically) will not move biblically because when his son comes home he wants to make sure he hasn’t changed addresses.

D. God brings us to **one** key thing that key men need to have faithful children that make a difference.

1. The two words “faithful men” are only found in four verses in the bible. You are likely familiar with all of them.

*Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a **faithful man** who can find? **Proverbs 20:6***

*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to **faithful men**, who shall be able to teach others also. **2 Timothy 2:2***

*This is a **faithful** saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto **men**. **Titus 3:8***

2. I bring this up because you only find the two words “**faithful**” “**children**” in two verses in the scripture. The first is the phrase we have seen today in Titus 1:6. The second is the first mention of where we found the two words “**faithful**” “**men**” and the only other mention of the two words “faithful children”. This would be **Psalms 12:1**.

*Help, LORD; for the godly **man** ceaseth; for the **faithful** fail from among the **children of men**. **Psalms 12:1***

Beloved, it all comes together where we left off last week. Key men are faithful men, and faithful men are the key to producing godly families, and faithful children in a culture that is counter to God’s will.

**Conclusion:** Key men are **faithful men** who lead faithful families. Key men are family men. Just as Titus was to find these blameless men in the culture he served. Beloved, today, God is still looking for faithful men who are faithful, family men who are blameless and harmless and kind shine brightly in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation.

You cannot be a godly father unless you are a son of God (Altar call).

**Altar Call**

**Offering/Announcements:**

**Pray over offering.**