

TITUS 1; November 23; Who & How God Ordains As Pastor

ANALYSIS:

1. What did God promise before the world began? _____
2. What three spiritual blessings did Paul invoke from God for Titus?

3. What two things must the man of God or bishop not be given to?

4. Whose mouths must the man of God or bishop be prepared to put to silence? _____
5. What three ungodly characteristics of the Cretians did one of their own prophets point out? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

In this chapter the Apostle Paul lays down the New Testament process for the self-perpetuation of the ministry. The Apostle ordained Titus who was then appointed to select and ordain other pastors in every church that needed such men. No where in the New Testament do we ever read about professors in Bible colleges or seminaries being responsible for approving, calling or ordaining a man to the pastorate. As Paul chose and ordained Titus, so Titus was to choose and ordain other men for the ministry. The process is simple: One man in the ministry choosing, training, and ordaining another for the work of the ministry. As Paul wrote to Timothy, "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." (II Tim 2:2)

One of the characteristics of this current profane and carnal age is that they talk the talk but do not walk the walk when it comes to loving and serving the Lord Jesus Christ. As the Apostle Paul wrote in Titus 1:16, "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him..." How are you walking the walk today? Do your steps back up your words? Do you sing "O How I Love Jesus" on Sunday but live differently on Monday through Saturday? May we examine ourselves to make sure that our words and our walk are consistent in every respect.

HELP:

1. Eternal life (v 2).
2. Grace, mercy, and peace (v 4).
3. Not given to wine; not given to filthy lucre (money) (v 7).
4. "Many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision" (v 10).
5. "The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies." (v 12).