**Leading Like Christ: A Six-week Study of Titus**

**Week 4: Titus 1:5-2:1**

**Scripture Reading**

*Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has
made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.* ACTS 20:28 (ESV)

**Questions:**

1. What metaphor is frequently used throughout the Bible to describe those whom the Lord calls to lead his people (Isaiah 63:11; 2 Samuel 5:2; Psalm 78:72; Ephesians 4:11)? Why isn’t the use of such imagery for godly leaders surprising (Psalm 23:1; Psalm 80:1; 95:6-7, 100:3; John 10:11,14; Hebrews 13:20)? What does this tell you about how a leader should care for God’s people?
2. Read Psalm 23. What do you learn about the relationship between the Good Shepherd and his flock? List some of the characteristics of a good shepherd found in this psalm.
3. What were the reasons that Paul left Titus on the island of Crete? Why are organization and Christlike leadership essential to any group of believers?
4. Christian leaders are often chosen based on business acumen, charisma, enthusiasm, etc. How are the qualifications of the godly leader different from those of a worldly leader (1 Timothy 3:2-7; Titus 1:5-9)?
5. Compare the list of qualifications in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 with Titus 1:5-9. Almost all the qualities prescribed for elders are commanded elsewhere in the Bible for every Christian, including women. What is the primary focus of both lists? Do you think
this is an exhaustive list of requirements? Why or why not?
6. What does it mean to be blameless or above reproach (Titus 1:6; Job 1:1; Psalm 37:37; Romans 3:23)? Why is the way a man leads his family an essential qualification for a leader (Titus 1:6-7; 1 Timothy 3:4-5, 15; Galatians 6:10; Ephesians 2:19)?
7. What are five negative characteristics Paul says to avoid in a leader? What six positive virtues should be evident in a leader? Why is character crucial in Christian leadership (Titus 1:11-13,16; Jude 1:19)? How should a Christian leader handle sin in his life (Leviticus 5:5; Psalm 32:5; Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:9; James 5:16; John 8:11)?
8. What does it mean to “hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught?” How does the world view the Bible? Why is it important for a leader to both encourage and rebuke? What should be the aim of every shepherd leader (Colossians 1:28-29)?

**Key Ideas**

* Any group of Christians must have organization to function properly.
* A Christlike leader is a man of godly character, commitments, and convictions.
* Christian leaders must reflect the values of Christ in everything they do.
* Sound teaching will inevitably lead to sound living.

**Next Week**

Read Titus 1-3 and pages 114-142 of Tozer’s, *Lead Like Christ.*