**How to Lead a Church**

Whole Bible Series

Sermon 49: Timothy & Titus

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**SERMON NOTES**

*Background: Paul commissions Timothy and Titus to address challenges in the churches in Ephesus and Crete*

Love comes from…

* a pure heart
* a good conscience
* a sincere faith

1. Teach Sound Doctrine (Titus 2:1)
2. The end goal is \_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Tim 1:5)
3. Oppose false teaching that undermines the gospel (1Tim 1:3; 4:1-5; 6:1-10; 2Tim 2:16-18; Titus 1:10-16; 3:10-11)
4. Avoid \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ arguments that don’t really matter (1Tim 1:6-7; 4:7; 2Tim 2:14, 23; Titus 3:9)
5. Preach \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture (2Tim 3:16-4:5)
6. Appoint Qualified Leaders (Titus 1:5)
7. Whose lives \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ spiritual qualification (1Tim 3:1-13; Titus 1:6-9)
8. Training them in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ doctrine (2Tim 2:2)
9. Maintaining appropriate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ relations (1Tim 5:17-22)
10. Establish a Christ-centered Community
    1. Built on the foundation of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1Tim 2:1-8)
    2. Eliminating distractions from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1Tim 1:9-12)
    3. Caring for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the church (1Tim 5:1-16; Titus 3:14)
    4. Evidencing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the community (Titus 2:2-14; 3:1-8)
11. Ensure Personal Qualification
12. Maintain faith and good character (1Tim 1:18-19; 2Tim 2:22)
13. Be an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of godliness (1Tim 4:12)
14. Embrace \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the gospel (2 Tim 1:8-2:13; 3:10-13)
15. Boldly accomplish your God-assigned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1Tim 4:13-16; 2Tim. 1:5-7, 14; Titus 2:15)
16. Combine boldness with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2Tim 2:24-26)

**Questions for Small Groups or Individual Study**

1. 1 Timothy 1:5 gives three sources for love. Discuss how these three elements produce a genuine love. What’s the relationship?
2. Paul repeatedly tells his emissaries to avoid pointless arguments. What are some pointless arguments you’ve seen divide churches?
3. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-4:5. Why is it important that we learn and teach all of Scripture?
4. Review 1 Timothy 2:1-3 and Titus 1:6-9. Discuss the wisdom of these qualifications for someone who would lead God’s church.
5. Review 2 Timothy 2:24-26. Why is it sometimes difficult to combine boldness with kindness? What have you learned about how to do this effectively?
6. What part of this week’s sermon was most impactful for you? How does God want to change your thinking/behavior as a result of encountering the letters to Timothy and Titus?

**Prayer from Timothy/Titus:** “Jesus, please help me understand how you want your church to be led, and help me to be ready when you call on me to participate!”

**Answers:** love, **pointless,** all, **demonstrate,** sound, **pastoral,** prayer, **goal,** needy, **character,** example, **suffering,** task, **kindness**