

Calling the Church to Order (Titus 1:5-16)

- (1) Introduction – What makes a good leader?
- (2) Background – Unfinished business in the Cretan churches (5a)
- (3) Calling the Cretan churches to order
 - a. Step 1: Appoint qualified leaders (5-9)
 - i. Elders in every local church (5)
 - ii. A plurality of elders (5)
 - iii. 'Elders' and 'overseers' are the same role (6 and 7)
 - iv. The qualities to look for (6-8)
 1. Managerial Ability, seen in the home (6-7)
 2. Moral integrity, seen in character and behaviour (7-8)
 3. Doctrinal proficiency, seen in pastoral dealings (9)
 - v. Women and leadership
 - b. Step 2: Silence divisive rebels (10-16)
 - i. The nature of the problem (10-11 and 14-15)
 - ii. The reason for the problem (11)
 - iii. The consequences of the problem (11)
 - iv. The remedy to the problem (9-11 and 13)
 - v. The likely outcome to the problem (10-11 and 15)
- (4) Become eligible to become an elder