



PULLMAN

REAL LIFE CHURCH

Helping people know and become like Jesus.

WORSHIP NIGHT

March 25 7pm - 11pm No sign up need just show up for an amazing night of worship and connecting together. We will worship from 7pm to around 8pm and then stay for games, cards, hang out, snacks, coffeeshop open.

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If you're ready to make RLC your home church or want to learn more about what we believe, this is the place for you! This 2 part class is designed to help you learn what we believe (our doctrine) as well as explain our purpose and methods as a church. In the end we hope you have all the information you need to decide if RLC is the right fit for you. Register by texting: RLC101 to (509) 339-6365 or scanning the QR code on the left. Both sessions run 12pm - 3:30pm. Lunch is included. Childcare is available- please include kids info with registration.

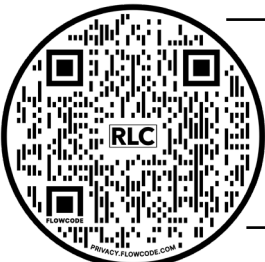
BLESSING BEDS

Have the past couple years taken a toll on you? Staying home more? More anxious? Watching more TV? Doing less? What if I told you I know how you can feel happier, more fulfilled and have the sense of purpose you've been missing? Are you ready? Join the Blessing Beds team. Invest your time and talents to help us make sure no kid sleeps on the floor! And make some great friends and memories as you do. Scan the code and sign up for one or more of the roles listed.



JOIN A HOME GROUP

Is your life missing one or two good friends? The kind of people that you look forward to connecting with. I know where you can find them! Seriously, I am not joking. Join a home group or a college small group. Scan the code, sign up and go for it.



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SMALL TOWN

DATE	BIBLE REFERENCE	EVENTS
AD 45	Acts 11:30	Elders in Judea
AD 45-47	James 5:13-16	Elders' prayer and healing ministry
AD 47	Acts 14:21-23	Paul and Barnabas appointing elders
AD 48-49	Galatians 6:6	Material support for spiritual leaders
<i>(Titus and Paul were well established before AD 49)</i>		
AD 49	Acts 15:1-32	Apostles and elders in Jerusalem
AD 49-50	Acts 16:4	Delivering the letter composed by the apostles and elders
AD 51	1 Thess 5:12-13	Respecting & honoring overseers
AD 58	Acts 20:17-38	Paul's directives to the Ephesian elders and overseers
AD 58	Acts 21:17-26	Paul met with James and elders in Jerusalem
AD 61	Philippians 1:1	Paul greets the elders & overseers in Philippi
AD 63	1 Tim 3:1-13	Qualifications for elders & deacons
AD 63	1 Tim 4:13-14	Paul, the body of elders, & Timothy's gift 1 Tim 1:6
AD 63	1 Tim 5:17-18	Material support for some elders
AD 63	1 Tim 5:19-20	Both protecting & disciplining elders
AD 63	1 Peter 5:1-4	Peter's directives to elders and overseers
AD 65	Titus 1:5-16	Qualifications for elders and overseers
AD 64-68	Hebrews 13:7, 17, 24	Directives to imitate spiritual leaders

This letter was important for Paul to write for a few reasons:

1. Publicly declaring the mission.

Titus 1:1-3 New Living Translation

This letter is from Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I have been sent to proclaim faith to those God has chosen and to teach them to know the truth that shows them how to live godly lives. This truth gives them confidence that they have eternal life, which God—who does not lie—promised them before the world began. And now at just the right time he has revealed this message, which we announce to everyone. It is by the command of God our Savior that I have been entrusted with this work for him.

2. Publicly affirming Titus.

Titus 1:4 New Living Translation

I am writing to Titus, my true son in the faith that we share.

May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior give you grace and peace.

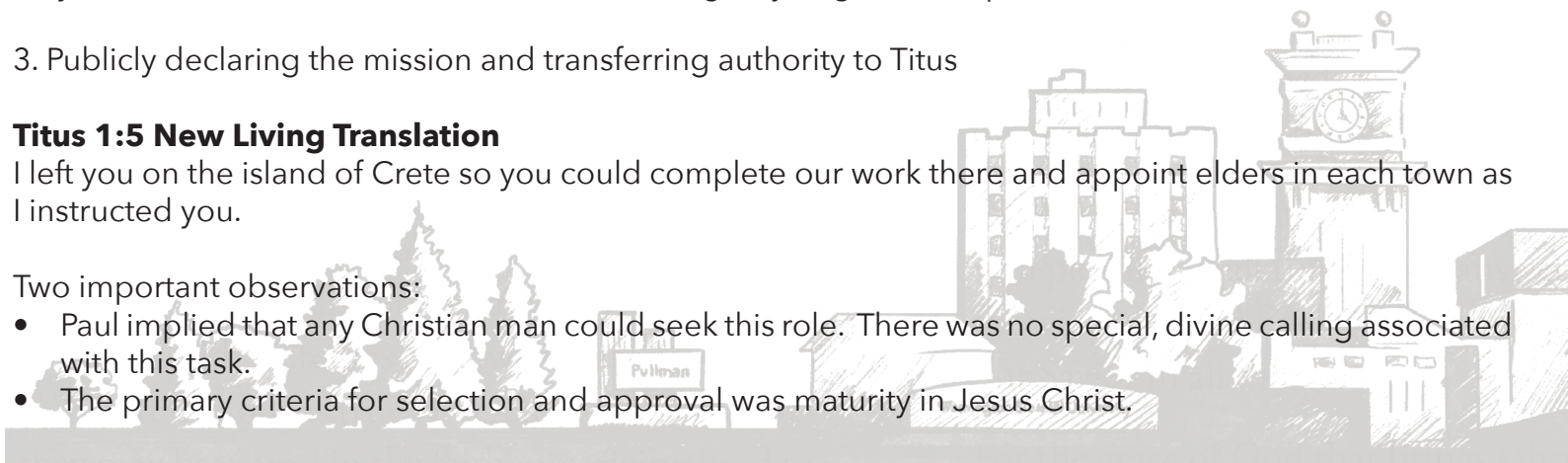
3. Publicly declaring the mission and transferring authority to Titus

Titus 1:5 New Living Translation

I left you on the island of Crete so you could complete our work there and appoint elders in each town as I instructed you.

Two important observations:

- Paul implied that any Christian man could seek this role. There was no special, divine calling associated with this task.
- The primary criteria for selection and approval was maturity in Jesus Christ.



N - BIG PLAN

Titus 1:6-9 New Living Translation

An elder must live a blameless life. He must be faithful to his wife, and his children must be believers who don't have a reputation for being wild or rebellious. A church leader is a manager of God's household, so he must live a blameless life. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered; he must not be a heavy drinker, violent, or dishonest with money.

Rather, he must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must love what is good. He must live wisely and be just. He must live a devout and disciplined life. He must have a strong belief in the trustworthy message he was taught; then he will be able to encourage others with wholesome teaching and show those who oppose it where they are wrong.

Paul says: An elder must live a blameless life. Also translated, "must be above reproach"

Break it down: A spiritual leader should have a good reputation among believers as well as unbelievers.

Paul says: He must be faithful to his wife. Also translated, "The husband of but one wife "

Break it down: A spiritual leader must be a one-wife man.

Paul says: His children must be believers who don't have a reputation for being wild or disobedient.

Break it down: Is your children's behavior disqualifying you from eldership?

Paul says: He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered

Break it down: Avoid the over-confident or cocky types. Likewise steer clear of the hot-headed.

Paul says: He must not be a heavy drinker, violent, or dishonest with money

Break it down: No drunks, jerks or cheats

8 Rather, he must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must love what is good. He must live wisely and be just. He must live a devout and disciplined life.

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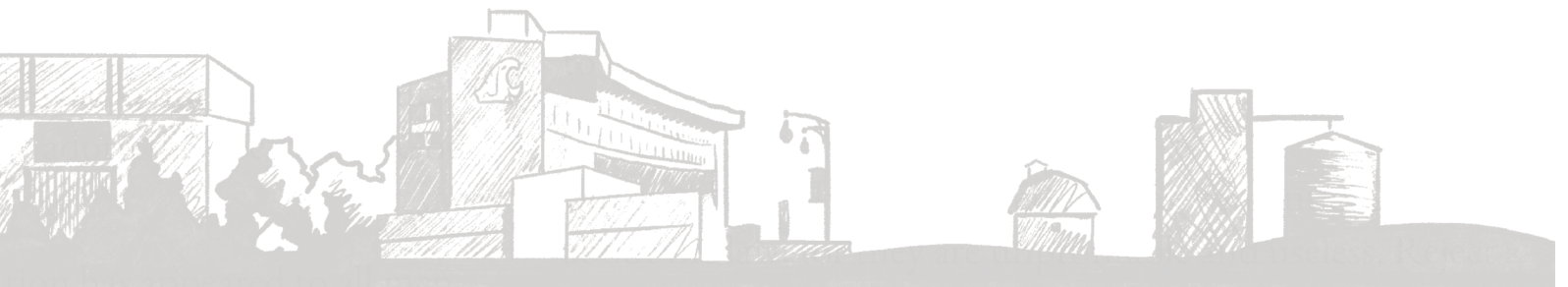
A potential elder should know the word for 2 important reasons:

1. So they can encourage others with wholesome teaching.

The ESV translation says, "so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine."

2. Show those who oppose it where they are wrong.

The ESV translation says, "...and also to rebuke those who contradict it."



Home Group Notes

Pray: It is always good by having someone begin group with prayer and invite the Spirit to join in on your group. (It may help to ask someone else ahead of time, some people like to prepare.)

Intro: Based on Paul's letter to Titus, who in your life has best lived out what being an elder looks like?

Questions: Read these out and discuss as a group, if you have more thinkers than talkers, maybe give them a moment to write out their thoughts on some of them. As always these are a tool to help build relationships with each other and grow closer to God, use them until they aren't useful.

- What do you think an elder is supposed to do for a church or gathering?
- Why do you think Paul want's them to live up to these expectations?
- Do you struggle with any of them? Why?
- Is there any other quality that you think elders should embody?
- Most of us won't become elders, what can we take away from this part of Paul's letter to Titus?

Pray Again: You can never pray too much, but this is a good time to ask if there are anything the group can be praying for. Leaders, be sure to take some notes and pray for your groups throughout