

MAINTAINING GOOD CHURCH ORDER

Introduction: God wants all things to be done "decently and in order" (1 Cor 14:40), because that is the nature of His character. He has a plan for everything and He does nothing haphazardly or without a plan. For that reason His churches should be conducted in good order to maintain His approval. This is done when the churches follow His plan that is given to us in the Scriptures.

Lesson Aim: Develop and maintain good church order by following God's instructions in His Word.

Verse: "I left you in Crete that you should set in order the things that are wanting" (Tit 1:5).

Lesson Outline and Questions to Answer

I. Greeting to Titus — 1:1-5

A. Concerning Paul's Ministry — 1:1-3

1. Why can believers have the hope of eternal life? 1:2
2. How did God use Paul to make His Word known to sinners? 1:3

B. Concerning Titus' Ministry — 1:4-5

3. What relationship did Titus have to Paul? 1:4
4. What was Titus' two-fold purpose in Crete? 1:5

II. Qualifications for Pastors — 1:6-9

5. Put an **M** before those relating to man or **G** to God.

A. In Relation to Man — 1:6-8

B. In Relation to God — 1:8-9

Holy in behavior	Has faithful children
Blameless	Doesn't yield to sin
Sober/serious	Doesn't love money
Not self-willed	Not given to wine
Just in judgment	Controls his anger
Loves good men	Doesn't hit others
Loves hospitality	Husband of one wife
Holds fast to God's Word	

III. Warning about the False Teachers — 1:10-16

A. Their Character — 1:10-11a

6. Where did many of the false teachers come from? 1:10

B. Their Conduct — 1:11b-12

7. What motivates false teachers? 1:11

C. Their Correction — 1:13-14

8. How was Titus to shut the mouths of false teachers? 1:10-13
9. Why did Paul warn Titus to beware of the commandments of men? 1:14

D. Their Condemnation — 1:15-16

10. What can be said about those who are pure in their minds and conscience? 1:15
11. What is said about the unbeliever's mind and conscience? 1:15
12. How can we tell if a person is a true believer? 1:16
13. What did Paul say about unbelievers in 2 Tim 3:5, 7?
14. What did James say about those who claim to have faith, but do not have works? Jam 2:14-20