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"Holding Fast the Word of Life"

Session 3

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"Being a good steward of God's Word"

Paul continues his description of one who would be a leader; one who would be an overseer ("**bishop**") of God's people. This man must "**holding fast**" (adhere or cling to; be devoted to) the "**faithful word as he has been taught.**" This means that a leader must "**exhort and convict**" in the things he himself has learned through the Word of God. As the Word he has been taught has proved "**faithful**" in his own life, transforming his life and producing fruit; just so, he must exhort and convict others, both by his words and by his lifestyle; his character. This is what it means to be a good "**steward of God.**"

Are you "**holding fast**" the Word of God; living it out and leading others to it? If you would lead others to the truth, you must yourself be a follower of Jesus Christ and His faithful Word; a good steward of what He has taught you!

Passage: Titus 1:7-9

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: Titus 1:7

What does this verse say is the reason a "**bishop**" (or overseer, leader) must be "**blameless**"?

Scripture: Titus 1:7

What does a blameless steward of God **NOT** act like or do? Consider what these things might look like in your own life if you are guilty of them.

Scripture: Titus 1:8

In contrast, what kind of character traits does a good “*steward of God*” have? Do you see some of these traits in your own life? What is lacking of these, and needs a deeper work of the Spirit in your life?

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:1-5

Read these passages. What do they tell you the things listed in Titus 1:8 are, and how they can be seen more abundantly in your life?

Scripture: Titus 1:9

What must we do if we are to bear the kind of fruit Paul talks about? What will that enable us to do as a result?

Scripture: Titus 1:8-9

What do some of the traits listed in v.8 tell you about the importance of the kind of spirit by which we are to go about “*exhorting and convicting those who contradict*”?

Personal meditation time with Jesus:

Read Acts 20:17-21. Meditate on how Paul's example here can help us to better understand what the Spirit would teach us in this week's passage about proclaiming **and** living the faithful Word. How does Paul exemplify the characteristics of a good leader; one who is a good "**steward of God**"? Highlight the parts of this passage in Acts that speak of these things.

Spend some time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to produce this kind of fruit in **your** life. How important do you think it is to cling to or be devoted to God's Word if this is going to happen, and a man be a godly leader in the house of God, as well as in his own family?

Hide God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12