

Sermon Outline

LOVING WHAT IS GOOD | Geoff Lin

Bible reading: Titus 1:1-9 (Page 1699)

2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1. "Our common faith" (vv1-4)

- my true son in our common faith

- to further ...

2. "Appoint elders/overseers in every town" (vv5-9)

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verses 6-9 characteristics of a church leader

verse 6: blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.

verse 7: blameless - not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain.

verse 8: hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined.

verse 9: hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

2 brief reflections on the 15 characteristics of a church leader:

i. In church leadership, personal character and conviction come before ministry competence

ii. GOD sets very high standards for church leaders

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

3. "Loving what is good" ...

Paul's use of "good" in Titus	
1:8 loves what is good 1:16 doing good 2:5 kind 2:10 fully trusted 3:1 do whatever is good	2:7 doing what is good 2:14 eager to do what is good 3:8 doing what is good 3:14 doing what is good

_____ what is good leads to _____ what is good

Q. HOW do you come to "love what is good?"

Phil 4:8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.

Recommended Reading: Thomas Chalmers (1780-1847), *The Expulsive Power of a New Affection*, downloaded at <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-expulsive-power-of-a-new-affection>

"The unwanted house-guest"

For discussion: who is someone you know who "loves what is good"? What steps might you take this week to fill your mind with the good things of God?