

1. Who was Titus? Find at least three references to him in other books of Scripture.

2. In verse 1 Paul connects knowledge of the truth with godliness. How are they related?

3. In what way, do you think, did God promise eternal life before the ages began?

4. For what purpose has Paul left Titus in Crete?

5. Why is the behavior of a man's children part of the qualifications for being an elder, or overseer?

To put it another way:

Titus 1:6-9 (KJV) If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

Titus 1:6-9 (NIV) An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. He must 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.

