

Titus 1:4 — “O God! Give Us Manly & Holy Men For Your Glory!”

One of the greatest needs in the church today is men -- godly, qualified, humble, biblical men!

- ✓Men who don't flinch in the face of opposition.
- ✓Men who don't shy away from the outspoken & divisive with differing opinions.
- ✓Men who don't run from needed confrontation/reproof
- ✓Men who care about the truth & preservation of the *pure* gospel.
- ✓Men who desire the spread of Truth & evangelization of the lost.
- ✓Men who love the local church & the purity of Christ's Bride!

Titus was such a man:

- Titus comforts believers (2 Cor 7.6); he refreshes the spirit of the saints (2 Cor 7.13); he was a man of great earnestness & zeal for gospel purity (2 Cor 8.16), Paul called Titus a partner & fellow worker for the Truth (2 Cor 8.23); Titus was a courageous laborer in the church for God!

So pray for this! This is what we need! We need godly & holy men...

- ✓to perpetuate the gospel [propagate it]
- ✓to preach the gospel
- ✓to protect the purity of the gospel
- ✓to be persecuted FOR the gospel's sake
- ✓to praise GOD for the gospel!
- ✓to prioritize leadership development in the church [pour into men]
- ✓to pure integrity in all dealings of life.

THESIS — We can learn from Titus & *plead w/ God* that he would give us holy men & Godly men for His glory. We learn from **Titus in 4 ways...**

I. HE WAS A *COURAGEOUS* MAN! (4a)

- Titus in the New Testament: a brief bio:
 - At the Jerusalem Council: Titus was proof of justification by faith alone (Acts 15)
 - At Ephesus: Titus was a fellow-worker with Paul (Acts 19)
 - At Corinth: Titus was Paul's delegate to be a peacemaker & proclaimer of truth amidst division, chaos, bad teaching & corruption (2 Cor 7)
 - For the saints in Jerusalem: to gather funds from the churches for relief for the saints (2 Cor 8)
 - At Dalmatia: Titus went to be a gospel laborer (2 Tim 4:10)

Titus must have been a man of (1) courage, (2) integrity, (3) truth, (4) peace & a peacemaker, and (5) faithfulness/diligence!!

II. HE WAS A CONVERTED MAN! (4b)

My “*True Child*” ... 3-fold notion of:

1. Intimacy --
2. Authority --
3. Loyalty --

III. HE WAS A COMMITTED MAN! (4c)

In a “*Common Faith*”

IV. HE WAS A COMMISSIONED/COMPETENT MAN! (4d)

Not Zeus, not an Emperor, but ONLY CHRIST is Savior:

1. the INCARNATION of this Savior (2:11)
2. the RETURN of this Savior (2:13)
3. the SUBSTITUTION of this Savior (2:14a)
4. the SANCTIFICATION from this Savior (2:14b)
5. the PREACHING about this Savior (2:15)
6. the BLESSINGS from this Savior (3:5-6)
7. the JUSTIFYING-GRACE of this Savior (3:7)
8. the PRIORITIZATION of this Savior (3:9)
9. the BEAUTY of this Savior (3:10b)
10. the DEITY of this Savior (1:3-4)

The true shepherd spirit is an amalgam of many precious graces. He is hot with zeal, but he is not fiery with passion. He is gentle, and yet he rules his class. He is loving, but he does not wink at sin. He has power over the lambs, but he is not domineering or sharp. He has cheerfulness, but not levity; freedom, but not license; solemnity, but not gloom.

— Charles Spurgeon

I simply preached and taught the Word of God; and the Word of God did everything else. —Martin Luther

RISE UP, O MEN OF GOD!

Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things.
Give heart and mind and soul and strength
to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God!
The kingdom tarries long.
Bring in the day of brotherhood
and end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God!
The church for you doth wait,
her strength unequal to her task;
rise up, and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod.
As brothers of the Son of Man,
rise up, O men of God!

--- William P. Merrill, 1867-1954