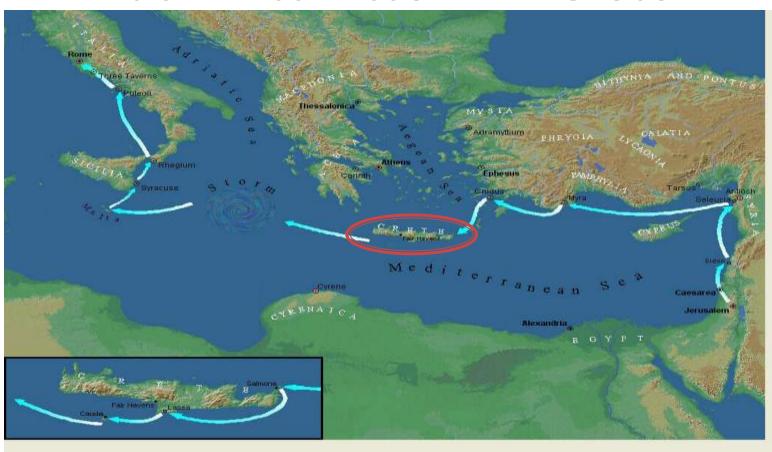
Order and Enterprise: Leadership in the Church

Titus 1:1-9

A PASTORAL LETTER

Paul \rightarrow to Titus \rightarrow in Crete



PAUL INTRODUCES HIMSELF

Titus 1:1-3

Paul, a **BONDSERVANT** of God and an **APOSTLE** of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, 3 but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;

Titus – A 'son' in the faith

With Paul in

ANTIOCH

JERUSALEM (Acts 15, Gal 1)

CORINTH

CRETE (!)

 If anyone inquires about Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker concerning you. (2 Cor 8:23)

Cretan Christians' attitudes to Titus

- Not listening (ch1:10)
- Setting up alternative (different) ideas (ch 1:14; 2:11ff)
- Not submitting (ch2:5)

THE IMPORTANCE OF LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH

For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you. (v4)

TWIN tasks of the elders

MENDING: <u>Fixing</u> what is broken. (ORDER)

COMPLETING: <u>Finishing</u> what is left undone (ENTERPRISE)

Roles of elders

- Shepherd "Shepherd the flock of God which is among you" (1 Peter 5:2)
- Bishop/Overseer v7
- Steward v7 they must give an account (Hebrews 13:17)

Practical implications for church members

 Expect your elders to engage in ORDER and ENTERPRISE

- There will be occasions where you disagree with your elders' decisions
- Expect to be involved otherwise the church doesn't work

THE RIGHT KIND OF LEADERS

Round #1 Men of Good Character (v6)

- Men with an excellent reputation
- Men who are faithful (to their wives)
- Men who whose rule is respected (by their family)

Round #2 Disqualifications (v7)

- Self willed focussed on what HE wants
- Quick-tempered SNAPS easily
- Given to wine UNDER the influence
- Violent DESTRUCTIVE
- Greedy wealth is an IDOL

Round #3 Requirements (vv8-9)

- Hospitable
- Lover of what is good
- Sober minded
- Just
- Holy
- Self-controlled
- Holding on to the word

CONCLUSION: ATTITUDES THAT HELP TO BUILD A HEALTHY CHURCH

- Embrace ORDER
- Embrace GROWTH (development, change)
- Pursue the character traits that you expect from your elders.