

# Driven

Titus 1:1-16 (ESV)

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## 1. By CALLING.

Titus 1:1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness,

Titus 1:2-4 <sup>2</sup> in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began <sup>3</sup> and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior; <sup>4</sup> To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

## 2. By PURPOSE.

Titus 1:5-6 <sup>5</sup> This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you <sup>6</sup> if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination.

Titus 1:7-9 <sup>7</sup> For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, <sup>8</sup> but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. <sup>9</sup> He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

### 3. By CHARACTER.

Titus 1:10–14<sup>10</sup> For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party.<sup>11</sup> They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach.<sup>12</sup> One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.”<sup>13</sup> This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,<sup>14</sup> not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.

Titus 1:15–16<sup>15</sup> To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.<sup>16</sup> They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.