



Sermon Notes: Titus Chapter 1 – Leadership is Influence, what’s influencing you?

Key Scripture: Titus 1:1-1:16

Galatians 6:7-8 - *7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.*

John 15:18-19 - *18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. 19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.*

TITUS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT (Other than the whole book of Titus!):
Galatians 2:1-5/ Acts 15:2 (Titus is one of the "other believers" as confirmed by Gal. 2:1-5)/**2 Corinthians 2:12-13, 8:6, & 8:16-24/ 2 Timothy 4:10**

2 Quotes from John Maxwell: "Everything rises and falls on leadership."
"Leadership is influence - nothing more, nothing less."

James 1:12-16 - *12 God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. 13 And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. 14 Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. 15 These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. 16 So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. (NLT)*

"Your reaction to what has happened, will determine what will happen." -Rob Collins

Application:

1. Challenge to the congregation: Read Titus 1:5-9 and ask God where you need to grow. Not only in character and holding to the standard of God's truth, but being able to refute those who oppose it. Is God calling you to be an Elder?
2. Identify and cut-off influences that are planting seeds in your life, or the lives of your children, that are leading your or their thoughts and actions away from what God would want.
3. Know God's Word. Read it. Learn it. Understand it. Don't just read to read, immerse your soul in it, by all means necessary.