

Refrigerator Notes 18 January 2015  
What Makes for Good Leadership (What is Good)  
Text Titus

1. The Epistle of Titus – Paul’s reminder to Titus why he left Titus in charge in the Church of Crete to combat false teachings in the church, install proper leadership in the church, and ensure that the people were devoted to good works (Titus 3 8, 14) as assigned
2. In Titus 1 5-9, leadership of an Elder is described and in Titus 2 1-10 Paul discusses a church family’s relationship with one another
3. However, in chapter three of Titus, it states that Christians should be devoted to ‘Good Works’ not only in the church, but in their place of employment as well
4. Good Works is described as ‘work’ done in such a manner that it is pleasing to God – and not self
5. What is the bible definition of Good (as in Mark 10 17-22), whereby Jesus’ fundamental lesson is that goodness does not flow from a man’s deeds, but rather from God Himself
6. Too often, we miss the mark when we are left to define what is good or bad, it becomes a judgment issue as oppose to a spiritual discernment issue
7. Not only is it necessary that we understand God’s standard of good, but as leaders in the church, a leader is held to higher standards, as expressed in Titus 1
8. A leader must be able to teach what is in accordance with sound doctrine – “teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.” leaders must be teachable and study the Word of God
9. The work to be done in the church should be held to a higher standard than the work in the employment place, for it is God who ordains all that we have – we need to give Him our best
10. First, it is critical for Christians to remember that God ‘saved us’ not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to God’s mercy and grace (3 5)
11. As leaders in the church, our character and integrity is always scrutinized by the members and the public, as such, our attitudes should be godly and humble as servants of God
12. Titus reminds us, as leaders in the church, we do not grumble because of our task given, but it becomes a mere responsibility that should be fulfilled by every leader
13. Secondly, Titus remind us what the purpose of good works are, which are intended to meet the needs of others and to make our corner of God’s creation more productive (3 14)
14. Leaders are called to till the ground and make it fruitful (Genesis 2 5, 15)
15. Moreover, godly behavior is encouraged “so that the Word of God may not be discredited (2 5, 10)
16. Finally, Leaders in the church are called to put others first, be respectful, exercise self-control, have integrity, Exercise the authority that one has been given responsibly, be prudent, silence rebellious people (idle talkers, deceivers, slanderers and those who intentionally cause personal division in the church) and train others, under your leadership in the aforementioned virtues
17. Remember, in order to reach one – one must first be able to teach one (good leadership is equated to good stewardship). ***What is good in any of us is not determined by our works, but our attitudes to be followers of Christ***