

Was Titus left in Crete to disqualify or qualify people for spiritual leadership?

Paul told Titus in Titus 1:5-9:

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—if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

As we look at this list, we see that the primary responsibilities of Titus were to:

1. Help potential leaders develop a respected life.
2. Help potential leaders develop a healthy marriage.
3. Help potential leaders develop a healthy family relationship.
4. Help potential leaders become Christ-centered and not self-centered.
5. Help potential leaders deal with former sinful habits.
6. Help potential leaders learn to use their homes for ministry.
7. Help potential leaders develop godly character.
8. Help potential leaders learn to teach the Word of God.
9. Help potential leaders learn to correct those who contradict.

Then Paul told Titus in Titus 2:3-5:

...the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

As we look at this list, we see that the primary responsibilities of older women were to:

1. Help potential leaders of women develop a respected life.
2. Help potential leaders of women develop a healthy marriage relationship.
3. Help potential leaders of women develop a healthy family relationship.
4. Help potential leaders of women become Christ-centered and self-controlled.
5. Help potential leaders of women become pure from former sinful habits.
6. Help potential leaders of women learn to use their homes for ministry.
7. Help potential leaders of women develop godly character.
8. Help potential leaders of women become submissive to their own husbands.
9. Help potential leaders of women become teachers of good things.

How Far Have I Progressed in the Development of My Spiritual Leadership?

Questions for Men in Spiritual Leadership									
<i>I Need Help</i>	<i>I Am Growing</i>			<i>I Am Doing</i>			<i>I Am Equipping</i>		
	Developing a respected life								
1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	Developing a healthy marriage								
1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	Developing a healthy family relationship								
1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	Becoming Christ centered and not self centered								
1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	Dealing with former sinful habits								
1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	Learning to use our home for ministry								
1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	Developing godly character								
1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	Learning to teach the Word of God								
1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	Learning to correct those who contradict								
1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3

Questions for Women in Spiritual Leadership									
<i>I Need Help</i>	<i>I Am Growing</i>			<i>I Am Doing</i>			<i>I Am Equipping</i>		
	Developing a respected life								
1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	Developing a healthy marriage relationship								
1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	Developing a healthy family relationship								
1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	Becoming Christ centered and self controlled								
1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	Becoming pure from former sinful habits								
1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	Learning to use our home for ministry								
1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	Develop godly character								
1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	Becoming submissive to my husband								
1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	Becoming a teacher of good things								
1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3