

## CHURCH MATTERS - TITUS 1:5-9 "STEP INTO THE ARENA"

In 1914, a violent storm rolled into the coast of Oregon, battering the shoreline with 80-mph winds and giant waves. Off the rocky coast stood **the Tillamook Rock Lighthouse**, nicknamed "Terrible Tilly" because of how treacherous its location was. For decades, that lighthouse had guided ships safely through deadly waters. But on this particular night, **there was no light**. Due to budget cuts and miscommunication, the lighthouse had been left **unmanned** for several days. No keeper. No oil. No flame. Several ships, assuming the route was clear, plowed ahead—**three wrecked, dozens of lives lost**. What failed? Not the structure, design. What failed... leadership. ABSENT. NO ONE in ARENA. MANNING THE LIGHTHOUSE SO NO LIGHT. Our churches and families like LIGHTHOUSES MORE EVER: Churches and families need leaders not Passive: no drive to act, lead, or take responsibility, remain uninvolved or silent in moments that require direction.

- **Talent.Transformation, Charisma.Character, Popularity.Pastoral Faithful**

**MP: God's plan for His church is to establish leaders who faithfully follow Him, serve others sacrificially, and steward influence to fulfill God's purposes for the good of His people, for the greatness of His mission, and the glory of His name.**

What's true 4 God's leaders in church should be true fathers in home. **Dads church/fam**

- **WHEN YOU HEAR CHURCH THINK FAMILY**

**LEFT TITUS BEHIND TO ESTABLISH LEADERS**

**SOME UNFINISHED BUT IMPORTANT BUSINESS**

- *Epidiorthōsē*: straighten upon - set straight what is defective or incomplete.

**APPOINT ELDERS IN EVERY TOWN.**

- **Pastoral reform and structure**, not merely admin cleanup.

*Presbyteros*/elder, lit. "older man," used here in the technical sense of a **church leader**. interchangeable with *episkopos*/overseer" in v. 7 – **WHY?**

**The local church is divinely designed 2 be the premier incubator for leadership development. To cultivate a culture that consistently forms leaders thru gospel-centered convictions, intentional structures, and a thriving sp emp culture.**

- **Trinitarian**: Rooted in relational leadership model Trinity. **Father established. Son Exemplifies. Spirit Empowers. PATTERN**

- **Missional**: Leadership is not for personal prestige but for advancing God's Kingdom. Matthew 28 **GO THEREFORE**

- **Formational**: Leaders are not merely equipped with skills but formed in Christlikeness through community and Scripture. **MAKE DISCIPLES**

**TF - Ecclesial**: The church is God's primary instrument for this formation.

**TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERS**

**Transformational Leaders those who bring the Spirit's transformational power 2 ppl and also experience it themselves. Qualification is Description. CHAR/COMP LEADER IN HIS FAMILY**

- Marriage: "One Woman Man" Fidelity. Faithful Not tech spire mot comm. **IF M**

- Children: Faithful Children. Able to disciple them in Christ. **LEADING KIDS. PERF**

Transformat Leaders create a home where discipleship is active, not outsourced.

- The family is like a little church. If you can't lead that u can't lead this.

**LEADER IN GOD'S FAMILY – AS GOD'S STEWARD. Manager/owner. Trust/right.**

**Transformational leaders live out godly character as a key to their influence.**

- **CHARACTER IS KEY: ABOVE REPROACH- Free from legitimate accusation**
  - Not arrogant, quick-tempered, drunkard, violent, greedy for gain. **BAD**
  - Hospitable, love of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, disciplined **GOOD**

**LEADER IN THE TRUTH – TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERS ARE:**

- **Tenacious & Teachable:** Holding firm trustworthy word he was taught
  - Able to learn and submit to others in authority.
  - Not prone to compromising truth for latest fad, when it's unpopular
    - **CONFUSED CULTURE – INST ID, MARRIAGE, FAMILY**
- **Teaching and Instructing:** REALTIONSHIP WITH THE SCRIPTURE
  - **Know** the word. **Live** the Word. **Give** the Word.
- **Convicting and Correcting:** Rebuke those who contradict it

- Theological moral clarity. **BUILDING CHURCH PILLAR/GRND TRUTH**

Conspicuously Missing: Viral vibes, Insta-famous energy, Main character aura, Rizz and charm, TED Talk-level talker, Certified snack, Fit check on point w/max drip, Trending, aesthetic, culture-coded, Clout-heavy and influencer-approved. **NONE OF THAT ESS**

**In world critics, complainers, keyboard warriors. Easier leave Yelp review than lead people.**

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again... but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause... and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly... Theodore Roosevelt

### **CHALLENGE - YOUR HOME IS A MINI-CHURCH**

Be this in your home. Family is the microcosm of the church. Priest of the home, elder of the home. **LEADER IN UR FAMILY. LEADER IN GOD'S FAMILY. LEADER IN TRUTH**

- Men's Ministry: July 18<sup>th</sup> baseball Father/Child – Building Men's Ministry

The lighthouse failed—not because of its design, but because **no one was on duty**. No oil. No flame. No light. And the ships crashed. Don't let that be your home. Don't let that be this church. God has called us—especially men—to be keepers of the flame.

So this Father's Day, don't just barbecue. Don't just unwrap socks. **Step into the arena. Lead your family. Love your church. Live like it counts.**

**BC when there is godly leadership... The light stays on. People find their way home. And God gets the glory.**