

Trusting God's Eternal Grace

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Titus 1:5-9 NIV

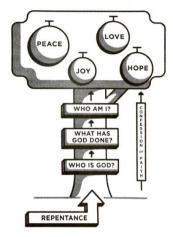
The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

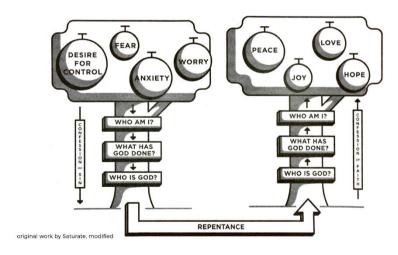
Titus' mission on Crete was to <u>develop</u>, <u>establish</u>, and <u>empower</u> godly leadership for the <u>maturity</u> of the church. <u>Our church's</u> mission is to be the same.

Elders are to be godly men whose lives are <u>rooted</u> in the Gospel.

The qualities of elders are signs of maturity for <u>all</u> <u>believers</u>. Therefore we should aspire to them.

We mature in our faith when we <u>root</u> <u>ourselves</u> in the Gospel.





In what areas of our lives do we need to root ourselves more deeply in the Gospel?