



Sermon Preached June 18th
“It All Starts With A Kiss”

GETTING STARTED

1. What major point from the sermon stood out to you as particularly helpful? Why?
2. What’s one thing from last Sunday’s sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?

DIRECTOR’S CUT

“Building A Healthy Church”

I have been house-hunting over the past couple months. Moving into a new house is not a small decision. Before we started the search, we sat down and made a list of things we wanted in our new home. We wanted enough bedrooms to accommodate our growing children and our extended family. We wanted a garage for woodworking projects. We also wanted a quiet neighborhood. We wanted the home to be close to our children’s school. We had a substantial list of things we were looking for in a home. Have you ever wondered if God has a list of things he is looking for in a home? If God had a list of things he was looking for in a household, what would that list look like? Fortunately, we don’t have to guess. This list is found in Titus 1:5-9. (Please Read) This list is specifically about elders but applies to everyone in the church. It offers us a snapshot of the kind of things God is looking for in a household.

Building a healthy church is not about us making our own list. Rather, it is about following the list God has given to us. When God is looking to use a church, he is looking for a group of Christians who are willing to abandon their own ideas and follow his ideas. God has clearly laid out a plan for us to follow as a church. If we take this plan seriously, then we can be confident that God is going to use us in spectacular ways to build his household.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What do you notice about the things in Titus 1:5-9? Is there anything on this list that stands out to you?
2. According to verse nine, what is the purpose of an elder? Why do you think this is important?
3. What does this passage tell us about how God measures health in a church? How does this list measure up with preconceived notions of church health? In other words, how does this list compare to the way churches measure their own effectiveness?
4. In the context of Titus chapter one, what does the term “sound doctrine” mean? Can you support your answer from the text?
5. What is the proper use of church programs? How can we know when a church program is effective?