

FOUNDATIONS OF A FAITHFUL MINISTRY

INTRODUCTION

A faithful, committed, and skilled worker always has the nagging feeling that there is room for improvement, even when nobody else sees it.

This is Paul's sentiment regarding the work in the churches and the reason why he sent Titus to the island of Crete.

Titus 1:1–4 is one of the longest and more theologically rich of Paul's greetings among his epistles. In his initial address to Titus, Paul lays out 4 foundations for a faithful Christian ministry.

1. The Mission
2. The Motivation
3. The Message
4. The Mentorship

1) THE MISSION (1)

“a bond-servant” =

“an apostle” =

“faith” =

“knowledge” =

“godliness” =

2) THE MOTIVATION (2)

“the hope of eternal life” =

“God, who cannot lie” =

“promised long ages ago” = “before times eternal”

3) THE MESSAGE (3)

“entrusted” =

“commandment” =

4) THE MENTORSHIP (4)

“my true child”

“set in order” and “appoint elders” (v. 5) =

CONCLUSION

Success in ministry is not measured by the number of members, amount of offerings, size of building, charisma, or personality.

Success in ministry is measured by faithfulness to God’s mission and God’s message.