

The Need for "Paul-Titus" Relationships

Titus 1:4-5

Introduction:

- Titus was a Gentile Greek who apparently was saved through Paul's ministry.
- Titus was a spiritual _____ to Paul, and Paul was a spiritual father to him. What a special relationship they enjoyed.
- We need more Paul-Titus relationships in the body of Christ. This is how we _____ and grow and impact lives.

Three key elements that are necessary to establishing these kinds of life-changing, mentoring relationships:

First, there must be a shared _____.

- Paul says, "...mine own son after the common faith."
 - ◆ "Common" means "_____."
- When Paul led Titus to Christ, something special was set in motion.

Second, there must be a mutual _____.

- The churches in Crete were spiritually _____. Paul **trusted** Titus to stay behind and straighten things out.
- Likewise, Titus **trusted** Paul and submitted to his counsel.

- In 2 Corinthians 8:23, Paul calls Titus “...my partner and fellowhelper.”
- Paul and Titus were not perfect, but they had a mutual trust for each other. You and I need relationships like this in the body of Christ.

Third, there must be a oneness of _____.

- The Bible calls it being like-_____.
Philippians 2:19-22
- How could Paul and Titus have a oneness of heart when it came to straightening out the things in Crete?
- Very simply - they spent _____ together. They got it by _____ life together. Titus 3:12

- God wants you to be a Paul to somebody and a Titus to somebody else.
- This is precisely how the Christian life is _____ on from generation to generation.
- *“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”* **2 Timothy 2:2**