



Daily Reflections

November 7, 2016

Scripture

Titus 1:1-9

Paul, a slave of God and Apostle of Jesus Christ
for the sake of the faith of God's chosen ones
and the recognition of religious truth,
in the hope of eternal life
that God, who does not lie, promised before time began,
who indeed at the proper time revealed his word
in the proclamation with which I was entrusted
by the command of God our savior,
to Titus, my true child in our common faith:
grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our savior.
For this reason I left you in Crete
so that you might set right what remains to be done
and appoint presbyters in every town, as I directed you,
on condition that a man be blameless,
married only once, with believing children

who are not accused of licentiousness or rebellious.
For a bishop as God's steward must be blameless, not arrogant,
not irritable, not a drunkard, not aggressive,
not greedy for sordid gain, but hospitable, a lover of goodness,
temperate, just, holy, and self-controlled,
holding fast to the true message as taught
so that he will be able both to exhort with sound doctrine
and to refute opponents.

Our Scripture Reflection

As we read Paul's Letter to Titus, we see that the Church has come of age, it is now universal. A need arose for stability and order. To meet those needs, Paul instructs Titus to appoint priests (presbyters) and bishops (overseers). Please note the characteristics Paul expects of those men who hold these offices. They are to be servants who live simply, humbly and are deeply rooted in the faith.

Food for your Journey

Many years ago, comedian Garry Moore — hot when television was a new thing in the 1950s — was the recipient of a television award for spontaneity. Moore facetiously paid tribute to “the four guys responsible for my spontaneity: my writers.”

When the next award went to Bishop Fulton Sheen, he rose and approached the podium. “I also want to pay tribute to my four writers,” he declared. “Matthew, Mark, Luke and John!”

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, strengthen my faith so that I may give a vibrant witness to Your Presence in my life. Amen.