

**Series:** *Titus: The Gospel for Godly Living*

**Lesson:** *The Uncommon Man:  
A Divine Standard for Pastoral Qualification*

**Text:** Titus 1:5-9 (L2)

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### INTRODUCTION

When we come to Titus 1:5-9, we find ourselves reading a description of a most “uncommon man.” In a society of post-modern relativity, the transience of tolerance, the denial of absolute truth, and the vast array of lifestyle choices, the man described in these verses is unique indeed. Regarding this “uncommon man,” an absolute mandate concerning his character is issued, a responsibility-laden task is entrusted, a black-and-white priority focus is commanded, and a distinct example of life is anticipated. These are not common expectations. Rather, this is the divine standard for pastoral qualification. The man described in Titus 1:5-9 is uncommon, indeed, and he’s known to us as the pastor.

### THE PASTOR’S OFFICE (vv. 5b, 7a) – \_\_\_\_\_

1. *He is called “\_\_\_\_\_.”*
2. *He is called “\_\_\_\_\_.”*
3. *He is called “\_\_\_\_\_.”*

### THE PASTOR’S CHARACTER (vv. 6a, 7a) – \_\_\_\_\_

### THE PASTOR’S HOME (v. 6) – \_\_\_\_\_

1. *The pastor must be a \_\_\_\_\_.*

2. *The pastor must \_\_\_\_\_ his children.*

### THE PASTOR’S LIFESTYLE (vv. 7-8) – \_\_\_\_\_

1. *What the pastor must not be (v. 7).*
2. *What the pastor must be (v. 8).*

### THE PASTOR’S RESPONSIBILITY (v. 9) – \_\_\_\_\_

1. *His message must be \_\_\_\_\_.*
2. *His goal must be the understanding of \_\_\_\_\_ and error.*

### CONCLUSION

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for your pastor, asking God to impress upon him the need for integrity and to enable him with grace to be a godly example.
2. Don’t be a stumbling block to your pastor, by providing an opportunity for him to sin. Rather, \_\_\_\_\_ in the example of Christlikeness that he’s providing.
3. Encourage your pastor by \_\_\_\_\_ these Christlike characteristics in return. In this way, you can even provoke him to love and good works.
4. In the spirit of I Corinthians 13, forgive and be forbearing with your pastor. Furthermore, \_\_\_\_\_ to your pastor, not because he’s a better man, but because he is God’s authority as God’s elder, overseer, and steward.
5. Humbly \_\_\_\_\_ from the Word of God as your pastor faithfully and responsibly teaches it. Stand with him when he stands for truth.
6. Graciously \_\_\_\_\_ a pastor who fails to walk according to the divine standard God has established for His men. Failure to do so will be to further damage the health of the church and the reputation of its Lord.