

Titus 1:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

Analysis

If any be blameless (ἀνέγκλητος, anegklētos)—not sinless perfection but a reputation above reproach, free from credible accusation. Public Christian witness matters; leaders' lives must adorn doctrine (2:10). **The husband of one wife** (μιᾶς γυναικὸς ἀνήρ, mias gynaikos aner)—literally "a one-woman man," emphasizing marital fidelity and sexual purity. This likely excludes polygamists, divorcees remarried for non-biblical reasons, and those with patterns of sexual sin.

Having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly—πιστά (pista, faithful/believing) children demonstrates effective household leadership. ἀσωτία (asotia, riotous living) and ἀνυπότακτα (anypotakta, insubordinate) indicate moral and behavioral chaos. A man who cannot govern his household cannot shepherd God's household (1 Timothy 3:5). This isn't perfectionism but a pattern of godly family culture.

Historical Context

Greco-Roman culture had low sexual standards; temple prostitution, pederasty, and marital infidelity were common. Against this backdrop, Christian leaders' counter-cultural sexual purity and faithful parenting provided powerful gospel witness. The requirement of believing children assumes sufficient parental age and child maturity for assessment.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. Does your life bear the marks of blamelessness—not perfection but a reputation for integrity among believers and unbelievers?
2. Are you "a one-woman man" not just in legal marital status but in thought life, media consumption, and emotional fidelity?
3. What does your children's faith and behavior reveal about your household discipleship and spiritual leadership?

Interlinear Text

εἴ	τίς	ἐστιν	ἀνέγκλητος	μιᾶς	γυναικὸς	ἀνήρ	τέκνα
G1487	G5100	be	blameless	G1520	wife	the husband	children
		G2076	G410		G1135	G435	G5043
ἔχων	πιστά	μὴ	ἐν	κατηγορίᾳ	ἀσωτίας	ἢ	
having	faithful	not	accused	G2724	of riot	or	
G2192	G4103	G3361	G1722		G810	G2228	
ἀνυπότακτα							
unruly							
	G506						

Additional Cross-References

1 Timothy 3:12 (Parallel theme): Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

Ephesians 5:18 (Parallel theme): And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Ezekiel 44:22 (Parallel theme): Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before.

Leviticus 21:7 (Parallel theme): They shall not take a wife that is a whore, or profane; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he is holy unto his God.

Titus 1:10 (Parallel theme): For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: