

TITUS

1:1 Paul, a slave of God and apostle of Jesus Christ in-relation-to the faith of the chosen ones of God and the knowledge of the truth which is in-accordance-with godliness, ²on-the-basis-of the hope of eternal life which the non-lying God promised before eternal times— ³but He revealed His word in His own times, in the proclamation which I was entrusted-with according-to the command of our Savior God; ⁴to Titus, genuine child according-to a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Set Things Straight And Appoint Qualified Elders In Each City On Crete

⁵For this reason I left you behind in Crete: in order that you might set-straight the things lacking, and appoint elders in each city as I directed you— ⁶if one is blameless, a man of one woman, having believing children who are not under an accusation of wild-living or rebellious ones. ⁷For the overseer must be blameless as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not a drunken one, not a brawler, not fond-of-shameful-gain, ⁸but hospitable, a lover-of-good, sound-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, ⁹holding-on-to the faithful word in accordance with the teaching, so that he may be able both to exhort with healthy teaching and refute the ones contradicting.

For There Are Many Deceivers Teaching Falsehood For Personal Gain

¹⁰For there are indeed many rebellious ones, worthless-talkers, and deceivers— especially the ones from the circumcision— ¹¹whom it-is-necessary to silence, who are overturning whole households, teaching things which they ought not to teach for the sake of shameful gain. ¹²One of them, their own prophet, said “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons”. ¹³This testimony is true. For which reason, be rebuking them severely in order that they may be healthy in the faith, ¹⁴not paying-attention-to Jewish myths and commandments of people turning-away-from the truth. ¹⁵All things are clean to the clean. But to the ones having been defiled and who are unbelieving, nothing is clean, but both their mind and conscience have been defiled. ¹⁶They are confessing to know God, but by their works they are denying Him, being detestable and disobedient and disapproved for every good work.

Speak Healthy Teaching To All Groups of People

2:1 But you be speaking the things which are fitting for healthy teaching— ²that old-men be sober, honorable, sound-minded, being healthy in faith, in love, in endurance; ³that old-women similarly be reverent in behavior, not slanderous, not having been enslaved to much wine, teachers-of-good, ⁴in order that they may train the young women to be husband-lovers, children-lovers, ⁵sound-minded, pure, working-at-home, good, while being subject to their own husbands, in order that the word of God may not be blasphemed. ⁶Be exhorting the younger men similarly to be sound-minded ⁷with-respect-to all things, while showing yourself as a pattern of good works— in your teaching showing uncorruptness, dignity, ⁸healthy uncondemnable speech— in order that the one from the contrary side may be ashamed, having nothing bad to say about us. ⁹Be exhorting slaves to be subject to their own masters in all things, to be pleasing, not contradicting, ¹⁰not pilfering, but demonstrating all good faith, in order that they may adorn the teaching of our Savior God in all things.

For Salvation Trains Us To Live Righteously And Godly As Zealots For Good Works

¹¹For the grace of God appeared bringing-salvation for all people, ¹²training us that having denied ungodliness and worldly desires, we should live sound-mindedly and righteously and godly in the present age, ¹³while waiting-for the blessed hope and appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴Who gave Himself for us in order that He might redeem us from all lawlessness and cleanse for Himself a special people— zealots for good works.

Speak With Authority; Let No One Disregard You

¹⁵Be speaking these things, and be exhorting, and be rebuking with all authority. Let no one be disregarding you.

Remind Everyone How To Behave Toward Other People

3:1 Be reminding them to be subject to rulers, to authorities; to be obedient; to be ready for every good work; ²to blaspheme no one; to be non-quarrelsome, kind, demonstrating all gentleness toward all people.

For We Also Were Once Foolish And Deceived, But God Saved Us By His Mercy And Grace

³For we also were once foolish, disobedient, being deceived, being-slaves to various desires and pleasures, spending life in malice and envy, detested, hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and love-for-mankind of our Savior God appeared, ⁵He saved us— not by works which we did in [our] righteousness, but according-to His mercy, through a washing of regeneration and a renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶Whom He richly poured-out upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷in order that having been declared-righteous by the grace of that One, we might become heirs according-to the hope of eternal life. ⁸The saying is trustworthy.

Speak With Confidence, So That Believers Take The Lead In Good Works

And concerning these things I want you to be speaking-confidently, in order that the ones having believed in God may be careful to take-the-lead in good works. These things are good and profitable for people. ⁹But be shunning foolish controversies and genealogies

and quarrels and battles pertaining-to-the-Law. For they are unprofitable and worthless. ¹⁰Be declining *a* divisive person after *a* first and second admonition, ¹¹knowing that such *a one* has been perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

¹²When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, be diligent to come to me in Nicopolis, for I have determined to spend-the-winter there.

¹³Diligently send-forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos, in order that nothing may be lacking *for* them. ¹⁴And let our *people* also be learning to take-the-lead *in* good works for necessary needs, in order that they may not be unfruitful. ¹⁵All the *ones* with me greet you. Greet the *ones* loving us in *the* faith. Grace *be* with you all.