Titus

1 Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus
Christ, for the faith of God's chosen ones and the
knowledge of the truth that accords with
godliness,
2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who does
not lie, promised before the ages began,
3 but at the proper times revealed his word in
the proclamation entrusted to me by the
command of God our Savior,
4 to Titus, a true child according to our shared
faith: grace and peace from God the Father and
Christ Jesus our Savior.
5 For this reason I left you in Crete, so that you
might put in order what remained and appoint
elders in every town, as I directed you:
6 if anyone is beyond accusation, the husband
of one wife, having believing children who are
neither accused of reckless living nor rebellious.
7 For the overseer must be beyond accusation
as God's steward, not self-willed, not
quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent,
not greedy for dishonest gain,
8 but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible,
righteous, holy, self-controlled,
9 holding fast to the trustworthy word
according to the teaching, so that he may be able
both to exhort in sound teaching and to refute
those who contradict it.

10 For there are many who are rebellious,
empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of
the circumcision,
11 who must be silenced, because they
overturn entire households, teaching what they
should not for the sake of dishonest gain.
12 One of them, a prophet of their own, said,
“Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy
gluttons.”
13 This testimony is true. For this reason
rebuke them sharply, so that they may be sound
in the faith,
14 not devoting themselves to Jewish myths or
to commands of people who turn away from the
truth.
15 All things are pure to the pure, but to the
defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; both
their mind and their conscience are defiled.
16 They profess to know God, but deny him by
their works, being detestable and disobedient
and unfit for every good work.

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1 But you, speak what is fitting for sound
teaching.
2 Older men are to be sober, dignified,
sensible, sound in faith, love, and endurance.
3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in
conduct, not slanderers or enslaved to much
wine, teachers of what is good,
4 so that they may train the younger women to
love their husbands, to love their children,

5 to be sensible, pure, working at home, good,
submitting to their own husbands, so that the
word of God may not be blasphemed.
6 Likewise urge the younger men to be
sensible,
7 showing yourself in everything to be an
example of good works, with integrity and
dignity in teaching,
8 sound speech beyond condemnation, so that
the opponent may be ashamed, having nothing
evil to say about us.
9 Slaves are to submit to their own masters in
everything, to be pleasing, not contradicting
them,
10 not stealing, but showing good faith in every
way, so that in everything they may adorn the
teaching of God our Savior.
11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing
salvation to all people,
12 training us to renounce ungodliness and
worldly desires and to live with self-control,
righteousness, and godliness in the present age,
13 awaiting the blessed hope and appearing of
the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus
Christ,
14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from
all lawlessness and purify for himself a people
of his own, zealous for good works.
15 Speak these things, exhort and rebuke with
all authority. Let no one despise you.

3

1 Remind them to submit to rulers and

authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work,
2 to slander no one, to be peaceable and gentle, showing all meekness toward all people.
3 For we too were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, enslaved to various desires and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.
4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and his love for humanity appeared,
5 he saved us, not by works done by us in righteousness, but according to his mercy, through the washing of rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit,
6 whom he poured out richly upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior,
7 so that, justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
8 The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist firmly on these things, so that those who have believed God may take care to devote themselves to good works. These things are good and beneficial for people.
9 But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, strife, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and empty.
10 Reject a divisive person after a first and second admonition,
11 knowing that such a person is warped and is sinning, being self-condemned.
12 When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, make every effort to come to me in Nicopolis,

for I have decided to spend the winter there.
13 Diligently send Zenas the expert in law and
Apollos on their way, so that they lack nothing.
14 Let our people also learn to devote
themselves to good works for pressing needs, so
that they may not be unfruitful.
15 All who are with me greet you. Greet those
who love us in faith. Grace be with you all.

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