

The Epistle Of Paul To Titus

Greeting

¹ Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to *the* faith of the elect of God and *the* full knowledge of *the* truth which is according to godliness,

² in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time *itself*,

³ but has in due time manifested His word in a proclamation, *with* which I was entrusted according to the command of God our Savior;

⁴ To Titus, *my* own son according to *our* common faith:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God *the* Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

Qualification for Elders

⁵ For this reason I left you behind in Crete, so that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and you should appoint elders in every city as I commanded you:

⁶ if a man is unimpeachable, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or *who are* insubordinate.

⁷ For a bishop must be unimpeachable, as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money,

⁸ but hospitable, loving good, prudent, just, holy, temperate,

⁹ holding fast to the faithful word as he was taught, that he may be able to exhort by sound doctrine, and to convince those who oppose it.

The Elders' Task

¹⁰ For there are also many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,

¹¹ whom it is necessary to shut *their* mouths, who overturn whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain.

¹² There said a certain one of them, a prophet of their own, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, idle gluttons."

¹³ This testimony is true; for which cause rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,

¹⁴ not giving heed to Jewish myths and to commands of men turning away from the truth.

¹⁵ All things indeed are pure to the pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience have been defiled.

¹⁶ They profess to know God, but in their works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

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Teach Sound Doctrine

¹ But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.

² Older men are to be sober, serious, temperate, sound in the faith, in love, in endurance.

³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in demeanor, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teaching what is good,

⁴ so that they may urge the young women to be lovers of their husbands, lovers of their children,

⁵ temperate, pure, homemakers, good, submitting to their own husbands, lest the word of God be blasphemed.

⁶ Likewise exhort the young men to be sensible,

⁷ in all respects showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, dignity, incorruptibility,

⁸ sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

⁹ *Exhort* bondservants to be subject to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not talking back,

¹⁰ not embezzling, but showing good faith, so that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

¹¹ For the saving grace of God has appeared to all men,

¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify

for Himself a people as *His* own possession, zealous for good works.

¹⁵ Speak these things, exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

3

Be Ready for Every Good Work

¹ Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work,

² to slander no one, to be peaceable, gentle, demonstrating all meekness to all men.

³ For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, being deceived, being enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,

⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

⁶ whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

⁷ that having been justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

⁸ Faithful is this word, and concerning these things I want you to strongly affirm, so that those who have believed in God may take thought to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

Avoid Dissension

⁹ But avoid foolish disputes and genealogies, and strifes and legal fights; for they are unprofitable and futile.

¹⁰ Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition,

¹¹ knowing that such a person has been perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

Final Instructions

¹² Whenever I shall send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, hasten to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.

¹³ Speedily send forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos, in order that they may lack nothing.

¹⁴ And let our *people* also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, lest they be unfruitful.

¹⁵ All who *are* with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

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