

Series "Fixed On 66"
"Titus"
Book-56

Key Passage: Titus 1:5; 3:8

"The Pastoral Epistles," which consist of three books: **1, 2 Timothy** and **Titus**.

1 Timothy (Sound Doctrine) The concern is more personal and is more concerned about Timothy, his person. Concerning sound doctrine.

Titus (Sound Behavior) The concern on worthy conduct. Paul makes it clear, there is an intimate connection between faith and conduct.

Reputation of the Island of Crete - Titus 1:10-12

The Author: Titus 1:1 Paul, a bond-servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, Titus, the 12th Epistle written by Paul, though his name appears only once, first person pronouns are used **7 times**.

The Letter identifies Paul as:

1. A servant of God (1:1)
2. An apostle of Jesus Christ (1:1)
3. Knowledgeable of Cretan society (1:12-13)
4. Anxiously awaiting the return of Christ (2:13)

When Written: Probably in the year 62 or 63 AD. It was probably written about the same time as 1 Timothy, after Paul's release from his first Roman imprisonment (Phil. 1:19, 25-26; 2:24).

Where It Was Written: The place of the writing seems to have been from Macedonia or Ephesus.

Written To: Titus 1:4 to Titus, my true child in a common faith: Titus is mentioned by name elsewhere in Paul's writings 12 times; most of those in 2 Corinthians.

Paul referred to Titus as:

1. My true child, (convert?) - Titus 1:4
2. His brother in the faith - 2 Corinthians 2:13
3. His partner & fellow helper in the faith - 2 Corinthians 8:23

Background: Paul visited Crete on his way to Ephesus, and upon his departure requested Titus to remain and strengthen the Churches in every city on the island.

Purpose:

1. To urge Titus to set in order the affairs of the Churches on Crete (1:5).
2. To instruct Titus concerning the character of men to be ordained to lead the Churches on Crete (1:5-9).
3. To challenge Titus to stand firm against the ungodly character of the Cretans (1:11-16).
4. To urge Titus to teach sound doctrine to the Churches on Crete (2:1).
5. To establish for Titus the personal qualities to be built into the lives of the Cretan Believers (2:2-10; 3:1-3).

Theme: Titus *"Order in the Church"*

Key Words: Right – 16 times, Order – 13 times, Teaching – 11 times, Faith – 10 times, Good works – 7 times, Self-control – 5 times.

Key Chapter: Titus 2 The key commands to be obeyed which will insure godly relationships within the church.

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Outline:

Titus 1 Godliness In The Church

Titus 2 Godliness In The Individual/Home

Titus 3 Godliness In The World

Titus 1 Godliness In The Church

Titus 1:1-4 Preach God's Word: Titus 1:1 Paul, a bond-servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ,

Paul underlined his high calling, possibly as a reminder and as an encouragement to Titus.

Paul, a bond-servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ,
Paul's life was a life given to service. He was chosen by God.

The message must become part of us, and then and only then, can we be effective for Jesus Christ!

Titus 1:2 God, who cannot lie, promised - What a great promise which is sure that we have from God, that of eternal life.

1 John 2:25 And this is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

1 John 5:13 that you may know that you have eternal life.

Titus 1:3 even His word, in the proclamation with which I was entrusted This term **proclamation** – “*that which is proclaimed by a herald or public crier, a proclamation by herald.*”

according to the commandment of God our Savior; Paul was mandated, commanded by God to proclaim the message of the gospel.

Titus 1:4 Titus, my true child in a common faith: Titus was a convert of Paul’s ministry.

Titus 1:5-9 Ordain Qualified Leaders: Titus 1:5 that you would set in order what remains - There needs to be order in the church. God is a God of order.

and appoint elders in every city as I directed you, 1 Timothy 3:1-7 Qualified Elders, Overseers, Pastors:

Overseer - According to the New Testament, the terms “*bishop, pastor, and elder*” are synonymous. **Bishop** means “*overseer*” and the elders had the responsibility of overseeing the work of the church (Acts 20:17, 28; 1 Peter 5:1-3). “**Elder**” is the translation of the Greek word presbutes, which means “*an old man.*”

Titus 1:6-9

holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, - Note that the preacher needs to hold on and practice the teaching they are giving forth to others!

so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

We note that the power to encourage and correct comes from a life that is living out the Word.

Titus 1:10-16 Silence False Teachers: Titus 1:10 many rebellious men, empty talkers - You see in the religious arena this spiritualizing of rebellion. **Titus 1:7 not pugnacious,** “*ready for a blow a contentious, quarrelsome person*” **not fond of sordid gain,**

Titus 1:11 for the sake of sordid gain. They are doing ministry for the money!

Titus 1:12-13 That the generalization is that of being liars.

Titus 1:14-15

Moral purity is not a matter of diet; it is a matter of a clean heart and a good conscience.

Titus 1:16 They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him,

Titus 2 Godliness In The Individual/Home:

It is important for the pastor to have a balanced ministry, teaching and exhorting the saints as well as refuting the enemies of the truth.

Titus 2:1-4 Older Saints: Titus 2:1-2 in love, in perseverance. That there needs to be patience in their lives.

Titus 2:3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips - The tendency of wanting to gossip.

Titus 2:4-8 Younger Saints: Titus 2:4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

The older women are to mentor the younger.

Titus 2:5 the word of God will not be dishonored.

A home that is lacking in common sense, is unholy, the home has no attention and won't submit to their husbands, is a home of disorder.

Titus 2:6 Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; (*in one's right mind*)

Titus 2:7-8 having nothing bad to say about us. People can say what they may, but it will not stick. Our lives resemble Jesus Christ.

Stephen - **Acts 6:15 saw his face like the face of an angel.**

Titus 2:9-15 Christian Slaves: Titus 2:9 Urge bondslaves – "*a slave who had been offered his freedom, but who, of his own volition, chose to remain a slave and serve his master faithfully.*" Roman empire was filled with slaves. During Paul's day they believe that there were about 60,000,000 slaves in the Roman empire. That 1/3 of the Roman empire was made up of slaves.

to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, - If we find ourselves justifying why we are not obeying our bosses, we are arguing, we are not submitting to God.

Titus 2:10 not pilfering, - There are people who feel like they can take extra time on the clock, or they can take things from the company because it is owed to them.

Titus 2:11-12 This describes what the true grace of God does when it enters a life. It produces a holy life.

Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope - We should be looking for Jesus Christ's return.

Titus 2:14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed,

Jesus redeemed us in order to purify that we might belong to Him.

Titus 2:15 Let no one disregard you. Don't let anyone downplay these things.

Titus 3 Godliness In The World:

Titus 3:1-8 Christians As Citizens: Titus 3:1-3 For we also once were foolish ourselves, - I like this honesty and transparency of the apostle Paul; he did not do "this holier than thou."

Titus 3:4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared,

One of the great marked differences between the true and living God and the false god of our world is **(God's Kindness).**

Titus 3:5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness,

We don't work for salvation, we work because we have received salvation! Ephesians 2:8-9

Titus 3:6-7 The great mark of difference in Christianity is salvation is by grace!

Titus 3:8 so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.

What we believe, ultimately shows up in how we behave.

Titus 3:9-11 Problem People: Titus 3:9 But avoid foolish controversies

Some of the fruitless discussions that people get themselves into.

Titus 3:10 Reject a factious man after a first and second warning,

Reject - "refuse, decline" **factious man** - "Heretic, to take down, to tear down, or choose a thing, to politic, schismatic, factious."

Persons who enter the church and attempt to tear down what's present, get people to follow their thinking.

Reject a factious man after a first and second warning,

Titus 3:11 knowing that such a man is perverted - "to turn inside out, to tear up, change." These people will cause others to self-destruct as well as themselves.

Titus 3:12-15 Closing Admonitions: Titus 3:12-13 Zenas the lawyer - "an interpreter and teacher of the Mosaic law." These were also known as the scribes.

Titus 3:14-15

Application:

1. Paul Identified Himself As A Bondservant Of God, No One Ever Becomes A Successful Servant Of God Until He Chooses To Make God's Will His Own Will.
2. **Titus 1:1 the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,** - Any Profession Of The Truth Which Allows An Individual To Live In Ungodliness Is A Counterfeit Profession.
3. The Letter Of Titus Is Addressed To Titus But It Is Not A Personal Letter Because It Was Intended To Be Conveyed Through Titus As A Message To The Church.

"More real teaching takes place outside the church building than in it—and you and I are the teachers!"