

Titus

- 1:1** Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,
- 1:2** in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,
- 1:3** but at the proper time manifested, even His word, in the proclamation with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior,
- 1:4** To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.
- 1:5** For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you,
- 1:6** namely, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion.
- 1:7** For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain,
- 1:8** but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled,
- 1:9** holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.
- 1:10** For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,
- 1:11** who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of sordid gain.
- 1:12** One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

1:13 This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith,

1:14 not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn away from the truth.

1:15 To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.

1:16 They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.

2:1 But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.

2:2 Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance.

2:3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

2:4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

2:5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

2:6 Likewise urge the young men to be sensible;

2:7 in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified,

2:8 sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

2:9 Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative,

2:10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

2:11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,

2:12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

2:13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

2:14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

2:15 These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

3:1 Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed,

3:2 to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.

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

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

3:5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

3:6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

3:7 so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

3:8 This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.

3:9 But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.

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

3:11 knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

3:12 When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.

3:13 Diligently help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way so that nothing is lacking for them.

3:14 Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.

3:15 All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.