

# T.I.T.U.S

## “The Character of True Leaders”

### Titus 1

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## I. Background

Pastoral Epistles

- 1 & 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Written approx 65 AD?
- P\_\_\_\_\_ & P\_\_\_\_\_

## II. Holy Ground

Hello My Name Is...

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God’s elect and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness—  
<sup>2</sup>a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time, <sup>3</sup>and at His appointed season He brought His word to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Titus 1:1-4 (NIV)

- **A Point of Doctrine:** God’s \_\_\_\_\_ —  
**Does \_\_\_\_\_ or do \_\_\_\_\_?**

[it] pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:4 (NIV)

The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”

John 3:16-17 (NIV)

God’s Elect = \_\_\_\_\_ who have \_\_\_\_\_ to his  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul’s assignment: To Preach the Word...and help bolster a faith that leads to “Godliness.”

## Unfinished Business

<sup>5</sup> The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.  
<sup>6</sup> An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. <sup>7</sup> Since an overseer is entrusted with God’s work, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. <sup>8</sup> Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. <sup>9</sup> He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

Titus 1:5-9 (NIV)

- “straighten out”— medical term — \_\_\_\_\_

## Qualities of a Godly Leader

“Presbuteros” = Elder ... \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 6

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ of but \_\_\_\_\_
- “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

Verse 7

How “Not” to be \_\_\_\_\_

- Not \_\_\_\_\_
- Not \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
- Not given to \_\_\_\_\_
- Not pursuing \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 8

- H \_\_\_\_\_
- L \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_
- U \_\_\_\_\_
- H \_\_\_\_\_
- D \_\_\_\_\_ & S \_\_\_\_\_ -C \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 9

- One last quality:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_!
  - To \_\_\_\_\_
  - To \_\_\_\_\_

## False Teaching

<sup>10</sup> For there are many rebellious people, mere talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision group. <sup>11</sup> They must be silenced, because they are ruining whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach—and that for the sake of dishonest gain. <sup>12</sup> Even one of their own prophets has said, “Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons.” <sup>13</sup> This testimony is true. Therefore, rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith <sup>14</sup> and will pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the commands of those who reject the truth. <sup>15</sup> To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. <sup>16</sup> They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

Titus 1:10-16 (NIV)

## III. Common Ground

- Whatever my \_\_\_\_\_ may be, God offers His \_\_\_\_\_ to me.
- My \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_ make an eternal difference.
- I have a \_\_\_\_\_ assignment from God.
- My \_\_\_\_\_ counts...AND so does \_\_\_\_\_!
- I am to make \_\_\_\_\_ judgements regarding behavior.
- My \_\_\_\_\_ life will reflect my \_\_\_\_\_ life.
- My \_\_\_\_\_ precedes my doing.
- I am to take a \_\_\_\_\_ when a \_\_\_\_\_ is necessary.
- “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” always carries with it the purpose of Redemption.