

The Bible Companion Series

# *PASTORAL EPISTLES*

## *DEVELOPING SERVANT LEADERSHIP*

*"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."*

1 Timothy 4:12

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### **A Study of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy, Titus and Philemon**

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## The Epistle to Titus

### INTRODUCTION

#### I. Introduction to Titus

- A. Titus, like Timothy, was one of Paul’s “\_\_\_\_\_”.
- B. Paul had assigned Titus to strengthen a previously established church work on the Isle of Crete. This island, south-east of Greece, was about 150 miles long and thirty-five miles wide, thus making it the largest of the Mediterranean islands. It was the island of one hundred cities, consisting of mountains, and very fertile valleys. The highest mountain, Mt. Ida, was the traditional birthplace of the Greek god Zeus.
- C. The Cretans were relatives of the \_\_\_\_\_. They had a notorious reputation of being “always liars, evil beasts, and slow bellies (lazy gluttons)” (Titus 1:12). This testimony came from their own poets and prophets. The origin of the church there is unknown, but may have been started out by the same returning Cretans who were present at Pentecost (see Acts 2:11).
- D. The epistle to Titus was written about the same time as \_\_\_\_\_, during that period between Paul’s first and second Roman imprisonment.
- E. The three pastoral epistles may be favourably compared.
1. In 1 and 2 Timothy Paul stresses \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. In Titus he emphasizes \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. The child of God is to protect the gospel in 1 Timothy.
  4. He is to proclaim it in 2 Timothy.
  5. He is to \_\_\_\_\_ it in Titus.
- F. A summary of the person and ministry of Titus would include:
1. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ (Greek; see Gal. 2:3).
  2. He was a convert of Paul (Titus 1:4).
  3. Some believe he may have been the brother of Luke.
  4. Titus first appears in the sacred account when he accompanied Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem (Gal. 2:1).
  5. He is later sent by Paul to Corinth to straighten out certain disorders in the church there and to initiate an offering for the poor saints at Jerusalem (2 Cor. 8:6, 10).
  6. He then meets Paul in Macedonia and is sent back to Corinth carrying the epistle of 2 Corinthians to pave the way for Paul’s coming and to complete their offering (2 Cor. 2:3, 12, 13; 7:5, 6, 13, 14; 8:16, 17, 23; 12:14, 18).
  7. He seems to have accompanied Paul during the third missionary trip.
  8. He is last mentioned in 2 Timothy 4:10, at which time Paul sends him from southern Greece to Dalmatia (\_\_\_\_\_).



## **Chapter 1 – Qualifications for Leaders**

*"For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee" (1:5).*

### **I. Introduction**

### **II. Lesson**

#### **A. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1-4)**

1. A Servant of God – as was James
2. A Called man – an Apostle
3. A Believing Man – following in a long line of other believers, called the \_\_\_\_\_
4. A Man of \_\_\_\_\_ and Vision
  - a. Trusting in the God that cannot lie
  - b. Trusting in the God who is outside of time
5. A \_\_\_\_\_

#### **B. Paul's Son in the Faith - Titus**

1. Pastors should not only preach the word
2. But should win souls
3. And disciple them
4. And direct them into \_\_\_\_\_

#### **C. Paul's guidance in Church Planting (1:5-16)**

1. The needs of the pastor
  - a. To be well trained
  - b. To have a place of service – a field
2. Church Planting is referred to as “setting things in order”
  - a. Evangelising
  - b. Discipling
  - c. Organising
  - d. Local Leadership
  - e. To do this throughout the island, starting churches in \_\_\_\_\_ city
3. Elder qualifications (1:6-8): Paul now lists some fourteen characteristics to look for in potential elders.
  - a. Blameless
  - b. The husband of one wife – should not be divorced, but under certain circumstances
  - c. Having faithful children who are not accused of riot or unruly – it disqualifies them
  - d. Not \_\_\_\_\_ (he must be self-motivated, but not self-willed). Note the contrast between the self-seeking of Lucifer in the Garden of Eden (Isa. 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:11-17) and the submission of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mt. 26:36-46).
  - e. Not soon angry. Not quick to blow!
  - f. Not given to wine. No interest in wine whatsoever
  - g. No striker (not violent).
  - h. Not given to filthy lucre (he cannot be materialistic, or greedy).

- i. A lover of \_\_\_\_\_ . Loves to help people and serve their needs
  - j. A lover of good men. Hangs around godly men
  - k. Sober – a clear thinker
  - l. Just – right about his judgments
  - m. Holy (unpolluted).
  - n. Temperate (under control). Does not lose his temper
4. Elder \_\_\_\_\_ (1:9-16):
- a. To \_\_\_\_\_ the great truths in God’s Word.
  - b. To present those guiding truths to this lost, dark world
  - c. To exhort (encourage) believers with the word
  - d. To convince (refute) unbelievers with the same word
  - e. To \_\_\_\_\_ the Cretan enemies of the gospel. Note Paul’s scathing description of these false teachers:
    - 1) They were guilty of overturning (subverting) entire households (house-churches).
    - 2) They were money-hungry opportunists, preying on religious people.
    - 3) They were lying, rude, cruel, and lazy gluttons.
    - 4) They possessed defiled minds. “Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure” (1:15).
    - 5) They profess that they know God, but are reprobates – only actors!
  - f. Therefore, church leaders are to \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_!
    - 1) That they may be saved, and sound in their faith
    - 2) So that they may no longer pay any attention to Jewish fables and commandments of men

## Chapter 2 – Foundational Teaching Subjects – Part 1

"But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine" (2:1).

### I. Introduction

### II. Lesson

A. **Developing Godly People in the Church** (2:1-10). Paul now directs his attention to five key groups in a local church and urges Titus to develop certain Christian virtues in each group.

#### 1. The older men (2:1, 2)

- a. Sober – clear thinkers
- b. Grave – serious thinkers
- c. Temperate – under control
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ in their faith – having a healthy and strong and vibrant faith in God
- e. Sound in their charity – a healthy dose of giving to others
- f. Sound in patience – a good amount of patience with everybody!

#### 2. The older women (2:3)

- a. Holy \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Not false accusers - gossiping
- c. “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”
  - 1) It does not say, “Not given to \_\_\_\_\_ much wine”!
  - 2) It says, not allowing too much wine around
    - a) For medicines
    - b) For sterilization
    - c) But NOT for social drinking!
- d. Teachers of good things – they influence so much of the church!
- e. Teaching especially the younger women

#### 3. The younger women (2:4,5)

- a. Sober – to have clear thinking, not just emotions
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ their husbands – \_\_\_\_\_ love them
- c. Love their children – firmly love them
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ – especially as a women (Pr 11:22) About how they dress, act, walk, talk
- e. Chaste - Pure in thought and act; innocent; free from lewdness and obscenity, or indecency in act or speech; modest; as with having a chaste mind, and chaste eyes
- f. Keepers \_\_\_\_\_ home – their main place with children is AT HOME
- g. Good
- h. Obedient to their own husbands (1Cor 11:3)
- i. All so that they do not malign, \_\_\_\_\_ the word/commands of GOD!

#### 4. The younger men (2:6-8) “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” - just like the younger women

- a. Likewise to be soberminded
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ their wives – not their jobs, or their car, or their hobbies
- c. Love their children
- d. Discretion – how they act with other women, how they present themselves
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ - Pure in thought and act; innocent; free from lewdness and obscenity, or indecency in act or speech; modest; as with having a chaste mind, and chaste eyes

- f. Keepers \_\_\_\_ the home – protectors so that those in the home can thrive and grow without fear or hurt
  - g. Good
  - h. Obedient to God (1Cor 11:3)
  - i. All so that they do not blaspheme the word/commands of GOD
5. Servants (2:9, 10) - Employees
- a. Obedient to their masters
  - b. Pleasing to their masters in everything they do
  - c. Never “answering again” – never talking back
  - d. Not purloining – \_\_\_\_\_ your boss
  - e. Showing all good fidelity – faithfulness in every task assigned
  - f. That they may adorn the life-transforming doctrine of God
6. Just as the older women were to particularly influence the younger women, so too must Titus be a right example to everybody in the following areas (2:7,8):
- a. Pastors are to be an example of \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Pastors are to LIVE by Good doctrine
    - 1) A pure life developed out of good doctrine
    - 2) A grave, serious view of life
    - 3) A real, sincere way of living
  - c. So that none of your enemies can say anything bad about you
- B. The Work of Grace in the Church (2:11-14)**
- 1. God’s grace brought salvation to all men (Eph 2:8,9)
  - 2. God’s grace teaches all men four things:
    - a. Not only how to be saved, but also how to be \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. By first \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves some things:
      - 1) denying ungodliness
      - 2) and worldly lusts
    - c. Then, by \_\_\_\_\_ some things:
      - 1) we should live soberly
      - 2) righteously
      - 3) and godly, in this present world;
    - d. That we all are to be \_\_\_\_\_ for Someone
      - 1) For that blessed hope
      - 2) For the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ (deity of Jesus Christ)
      - 3) Who gave himself for us – the cross
      - 4) That He might redeem us from all iniquity – has he been allowed to do that for you!?
      - 5) That He might purify unto himself a peculiar people
      - 6) That we would be zealous of good works – EXCITED about doing good things
- C. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority.
- D. \_\_\_\_\_. (2:15) As you just follow God’s calling, and do what Christ has commanded us all to be doing!

### Chapter 3 – Foundational Teaching Subjects – Part 3

"But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine" (2:1).

#### I. Introduction

#### II. Lesson

##### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of everyone in a church (3:1-2; 8-11).

1. To be \_\_\_\_\_ to principalities and powers (3:1).
2. To initiate good works (3:1).
3. To maintain good works (3:8).
4. To speak evil (slander) of no man.
5. To demonstrate gentleness and meekness to all men (3:2).
6. To avoid foolish questions, contentions, and legalistic arguments (3:9).
7. To reject \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (3:10).

##### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Everyone in the Church (3:3)

1. Every one of us were lost at one time
  - a. Sometimes foolish – living like there was no God
  - b. Disobedient
  - c. Deceived
  - d. Serving (slaves to) divers lusts and pleasures (entertainment)
  - e. Living in malice and envy
  - f. Hateful
  - g. Hating one another
2. THAT is life in the world, and even in some “churches today”
3. \_\_\_\_\_ OF THAT SHOULD BE PRESENT IN A BIBLE BELIEVING CHURCH!

##### C. The Transformation of Everyone in the Church (3:4-7)

1. After the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward MAN appeared
  - a. He \_\_\_\_\_ us (3:5)
  - b. He \_\_\_\_\_ us (3:7)
2. Transformed not by good works (3:5) – works of righteousness
3. But by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  - a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of regeneration – the new birth washed us
  - b. Renewing of the Holy Ghost – the Holy Ghost renewed/restored us
4. The Holy Ghost is shed on us \_\_\_\_\_
5. We are now heirs of eternal life and all its blessings

##### D. The Need for \_\_\_\_\_ in the Ministry (3:12-13)

1. Titus needed \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Artemas
  - b. Tychicus - Tychicus had already been sent by Paul on various missions to the churches at Ephesus (Eph. 6:21) and Colosse (Col. 4:7). He would later be sent to Ephesus again (see 2 Tim. 4:12).
  - c. These men could relieve Titus from the work so that he could go and be with Paul, and minister to him
2. Titus was to meet Paul in southern Greece (Nicompolis).

3. He was to aid Zenas the lawyer and Apollos with their trip. They were probably also summoned by Paul to come and help him in his case before Nero.

- a. A good lawyer
- b. A great preacher, and friend in the ministry - Apollos

**E. The Need for Good Works to Do the Ministry (3:14)**

- 1. To maintain good works means to do side-jobs to pay the bills
- 2. To never be a burden on other people or on churches

**F. The Need for \_\_\_\_\_ in the Ministry (3:15)**

- 1. Salute – greet one another joyfully
- 2. Love each other
- 3. Get along with everyone who loves you as Christians
- 4. Live by God's grace, and not by bitterness, sorrow, etc!