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{{56} Titus} Chapter 1

- (1) Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;
- (2) In hope of eternal life, which God, Who cannot lie, promised before the world began;
- (3) But has in due times revealed His word through preaching, which is committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;
- (4) To Titus, *my* own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.
- (5) For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed you:
- (6) If any are blameless, {are presently} the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.
- (7) Because a bishop {pastor} must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not easily angered, not given to wine, not quarrelsome, not given to greed;
- (8) But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;
- (9) Holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able by sound teaching both to encourage and to convict those opposing it.
- (10) Because there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision {Jews}:
- (11) Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert {lead astray} whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy greed's sake.
- (12) One of themselves, *even* a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians *are* always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.
- (13) This witness is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;
- (14) Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.
- (15) To the pure all things *are* pure: but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing *is* pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.
- (16) They profess that they know God; but in their works they deny *Him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and worthless to every good work.

{{56} Titus} Chapter 2

- (1) But you speak the things which are becoming of sound teaching:
- (2) That the elder men be sober, dependable, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.
- (3) The elder women likewise, that *they* behave as becomes holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;
- (4) That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
- (5) *To be* discreet, chaste, keepers of their homes, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God not be blasphemed.
- (6) Young men likewise encourage to be sober minded.
- (7) In all things showing yourself an example of good works: in teaching *showing* {yourself} incorruptible, dependable, sincere,
- (8) Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he who is contrary may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.
- (9) *Encourage* servants to be obedient to their own masters, *and* to please *them* well in all *things*; not back-talking;

- (10) Not stealing, but showing {themselves} trustworthy; that they may adorn the teaching of God our Savior in all things.
- (11) Because the grace of God which brings salvation has appeared to all men,
- (12) Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
- (13) Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;
- (14) Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all sin, and purify to Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.
- (15) These things speak, and encourage, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise you.

{{56} Titus} Chapter 3

- (1) Remind them to be subject to governors and powers, to obey rulers, to be ready to do every good work,
- (2) To speak evil of no man, to not be brawlers, *but* gentle, showing all humility to all men.
- (3) Because we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another.
- (4) But after the kindness and love of God our Savior towards man appeared,
- (5) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit;
- (6) Which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior;
- (7) That being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
- (8) *This is* a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.
- (9) But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; because they are unprofitable and vain.
- (10) A man who is a heretic {teacher of false teachings} after the first and second warning reject;
- (11) Knowing that he who is such is subverted {led astray}, and sins, being condemned by himself.
- (12) When I shall send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me to Nicopolis: because I have determined to winter there.
- (13) Be diligent to bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey, that they not be lacking anything.
- (14) And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they not be unfruitful.
- (15) All who are with me salute you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace *be* with you all. Amen {Let it be}.