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**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, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

(3) But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

(4) To Titus, *mine* own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

(5) 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:

(6) If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

(7) For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

(8) But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

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(6) If any are blameless, {are presently} the husband of one wife,<sup>c</sup> having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

(7) Because a bishop {pastor}<sup>d</sup> 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;

1:4a – Titus – II Cor. 2:13; 7:6,13,14; 8:6,16,23; 12:18; Gal. 2:1,3; II Tim. 4:10

1:4b – Grace and Peace – grace always precedes peace – Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:3; II Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:3; Eph. 1:2; Phil. 1:2; Col. 1:2; I Thes. 1:1; II Thes. 1:2; I Tim. 1:2; II Tim. 1:2; Tit. 1:4; Philemon 1:3; I Pet. 1:2; II Pet. 1:2; II Jn. 1:3 – grace means receiving something as a free gift that is totally undeserved

1:6c - husband of one wife - see notes on I Tim. 3

1:7d – bishop - επισκοπον {επισκοπον}– overseer – pastor - I Tim. 3:1f

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(9) Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

(10) For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:

(11) Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

(12) One of themselves, *even* a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians *are* always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.

(13) This witness is true. Wherefore 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) Unto the pure all things *are* pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

(16) They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

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(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.

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(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.

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(1) But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:  
(2) That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.  
(3) The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh 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 at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.  
(6) Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.  
(7) In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,  
(8) Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.  
(9) *Exhort* servants to be obedient unto their own masters, *and* to please *them* well in all *things*; not answering again;  
(10) Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.  
(11) For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

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(1) But you speak the things which are becoming of sound teaching:  
(2) That the elder men be sober, dependable,<sup>a</sup> 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,

2:2a – grave – conscientious - dependable

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(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 Saviour Jesus Christ;

(14) Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

(15) These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

**Chapter 3**

(1) Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

(2) To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, *but* gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

(3) For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another.

(4) But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward 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 Ghost;

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(12) Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

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(15) These things speak, and encourage, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise you.

**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;

2:13b – appearing – I Tim. 6:14 – see note on I Cor. 1:8

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(6) Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;  
(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 will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.  
(9) But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.  
(10) A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;  
(11) Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.  
(12) When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.  
(13) Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.  
(14) And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.  
(15) All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

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(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,<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>c</sup> on their journey, that they not be lacking anything.  
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(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}.

3:10a – heretic – one who teaches false teachings contrary to scripture  
3:12b – Tychicus – Acts 20:4; Eph. 6:21; Col. 4:7; II Tim. 4:12  
3:13c – Apollos – Acts 18:24; 19:1; I Cor. 1:12; 3:4,5,6,22; 4:6; 16:12

