



# Titus - 3 chapters

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## Title:

The Epistle to Titus – because this letter was written to his protégé Titus, who was ministering to the church on Crete. This letter is a personal letter to the one Paul had assigned to lead that church. But it is primarily about the ministry to the church, and instructions to do so.

## Author:

Written by Paul the apostle to the Gentiles. Paul was a strict Pharisee in Jerusalem until he had a revelation of Christ on the road to Damascus. Paul spent the rest of his life as a missionary proclaiming Jesus to Gentiles around the Mediterranean. Paul wrote 13 of the Books of the New Testament.

## Occasion and Purpose:

There was an immature church on the Island of Crete. Titus had been sent there to strengthen the church and prepare its leadership for long-term health and faithfulness. Paul sent this letter to instruct and encourage Titus in this task, and by extension, to strengthen and instruct the church. One of the key purposes of Titus was to appoint elders. So, this letter provides the qualifications of elders and instructions for their duties. Another purpose was to teach the church how to live in such a way as to make Christianity desirable for outsiders.

## Themes:

1. **Sound Doctrine** – Paul warns against false teaching, and commands Titus to teach and safeguard that the church is taught things that are in line with sound, healthy truth about Christ. This also entails training people in a lifestyle which is in line with sound doctrine.
2. **Good Works** – And, because of the emphasis on sound doctrine, Paul also commands Titus to teach people to live rightly. He highlights a few reasons for living rightly. First, it is right, and the natural extension of the truths of Christ. The church would betray the truths of Christ by not putting them into practice. But this is also for the sake of outsiders – that they would see the upright godly lives of the Christians, and be drawn to Christ. An effect of a godly lifestyle is that it makes the teaching of Christ appear more attractive.
3. **Appropriate Living** – And Paul focuses on teaching the kind of lifestyle which is appropriate to certain groups and life situations. He gives directions for instructions to older men, younger men, older women, and younger women, because there are instructions appropriate for each of these life situations. And a key part of the teaching strategy given to Titus is that the older believers should teach and train the younger believers. The church should be a place of teaching and mentoring the next generation how to live well.
4. **All by Grace** – Finally, Paul emphasized that all of this is motivated and empowered by God's grace. Without the grace of God, people cannot keep sound doctrine or live godly lifestyles. But the grace of God has indeed appeared, given us new life, and is training His people to live and act rightly in all areas of life. Grace is the driving force in the successful Christian life.

## Summary:

Paul is instructing Titus how to organize and lead a young church on Crete. The goal is to raise up and train leaders who will guard and pass on healthy teaching, live rightly, and train others to live rightly. The entire church is to live in a way that pleases God, and demonstrates the positive impact of the Gospel. All of this is caused by God's grace in Christ.

## Organization:

<b>1:1-4 Introduction</b>	
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## Key Verses:

1:5, 9, 2:1, 7-8, 11-15, 3:3-7