

Titus

Chapter 1 Bible Study

Day 3 (Week 12)

Greetings from Paul

¹ This letter is from Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I have been sent to proclaim faith to those God has chosen and to teach them to know the truth that shows them how to live godly lives. ² This truth gives them confidence that they have eternal life, which God—who does not lie—promised them before the world began. ³ And now at just the right time he has revealed this message, which we announce to everyone. It is by the command of God our Savior that I have been entrusted with this work for him.

⁴ I am writing to Titus, my true son in the faith that we share.

May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior give you grace and peace.

Titus's Work in Crete

⁵ I left you on the island of Crete so you could complete our work there and appoint elders in each town as I instructed you. ⁶ An elder must live a blameless life. He must be faithful to his wife, and his children must be believers who don't have a reputation for being wild or rebellious. ⁷ An elder is a manager of God's household, so he must live a blameless life. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered; he must not be a heavy drinker, violent, or dishonest with money.

⁸ Rather, he must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must love what is good. He must live wisely and be just. He must live a devout and disciplined life. ⁹ He must have a strong belief in the trustworthy message he was taught; then he will be able to encourage others with wholesome teaching and show those who oppose it where they are wrong.

¹⁰ For there are many rebellious people who engage in useless talk and deceive others. This is especially true of those who insist on circumcision for salvation. ¹¹ They must be silenced, because they are turning whole families away from the truth by their false teaching. And they do it only for money. ¹² Even one of their own men, a prophet from Crete, has said about them, "The people of Crete are all liars, cruel animals, and lazy gluttons." ¹³ This is true. So reprimand them sternly to make them strong in the faith. ¹⁴ They must stop listening to Jewish myths and the commands of people who have turned away from the truth.

¹⁵ Everything is pure to those whose hearts are pure. But nothing is pure to those who are corrupt and unbelieving, because their minds and consciences are corrupted. ¹⁶ Such people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live. They are detestable and disobedient, worthless for doing anything good.

Questions

1. Who wrote the book (or Epistle = Letter) of Titus, and who did he write it to? (V1&4) _____

2. Paul told Titus that he was sent to proclaim faith in Christ, and to teach people to “know” the truth. What two benefits come from knowing the truth? (V1b,2)

3. When did God promise to give us eternal life? (V2) _____

4. Was the message of Christ dying for us, and being raised from the dead, early or late? (V3) _____

Note: Crete is the largest island in Greece and the fifth largest island in the Mediterranean Sea. It covers an area 3,219 Sq Miles. Crete was ruled by the Minoans (2700-1420BC), then Myceneans (1420-69BC). The Romans conquered it in 69BC, which is who was in charge when Paul was there doing ministry.

5. What did Paul leave Titus on the Island of Crete to do? (V5) _____

6. What are the characteristics of an elder (don't list what an elder is “NOT”? (V6-9)

7. What are the five things that an elder is “NOT”? (V7) _____

8. Paul warned about rebellious people. What did he say they did? (V10) _____

9. Why did Paul say they must be silenced? (V11) _____

10. Paul agreed with the description given, about the people of Crete, what was it? (V12) _____

11. How did Paul instruct Titus to deal with the people of Crete? (V13) _____

12. In verse 15 Paul talked about how everything is pure when your heart is pure. How did he describe those whose hearts are not pure (V15)? _____

13. Paul said that some claim to know God, but you can tell they don't know God, how did he say you would know? _____

Reflection/Application: What is the one thing that really stood out to you, and how can you apply it to your life? _____

Prayer Guide: Based upon the **third** part of the Lord's Prayer (*Give us today the food we need*), Pray to God and ask Him to provide for your needs in life (Food, clothing, shelter, healthy relationships, etc).

Answer Key

1. Paul wrote Titus, to Titus.
2. You're shown how to live a godly life, and you get confidence that you have eternal life.
3. Before the world began.
4. Neither, it was "at just the right time".
5. Complete their work there, and appoint elders in each town.
6. An Elder ... Lives a blameless life, is faithful to his wife, has children are believers with good reputations, manages God's household well. Enjoys having guests in his home, loves what is good, lives wisely and is just, lives a devout and disciplined life, has a strong belief in the trustworthy message, encourages others with wholesome teaching, shows those who oppose it where they are wrong.
7. An elder is not arrogant, quick tempered, not a heavy drinker, or violent, or dishonest with money.
8. They engaged in useless talk, and deceived others.
9. Because they are turning whole families away from the truth by their false teaching.
10. Paul said the people of Crete were liars, cruel animals, and lazy gluttons.
11. He said to reprimand them sternly.
12. They are corrupt and unbelieving, and their minds and consciences are corrupt.
13. By the way they live.