

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to Titus

¹ Paul, slave of God and apostle of Jesus Christ, according to belief of chosen ones of God and a recognition of the truth which is according to piety, ² upon expectation of everlasting life, which the non-false God promised before eternal times, ³ but manifested His word in its own season in proclamation, with which I was entrusted according to a command of our Savior God.

⁴ To Titus, genuine child according to a shared belief:

Grace, mercy, peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

⁵ Because of this I left you in Crete, so that you should further rectify the things left and appoint elders in every city, as I ordered you: ⁶ if anyone is blameless, husband of one wife, having faithful children not in accusation of profligacy or insubordinate.

⁷ For it is necessary for the overseer to be blameless as a steward of God, not self-willed, not wrathful, not a heavy drinker, not a fighter, not prone to shameful gain, ⁸ but loving strangers, loving good, of sound thinking, righteous, moral, self-controlled, ⁹ supporting the faithful word according to the doctrine, so that he should also be able to be encouraging in the healthy teaching and reproving those contradicting.

¹⁰ For there are also many insubordinate, futile talkers and mind-deceivers, especially those from circumcision, ¹¹ for whom it is necessary to be plugging their mouths, who are overturning whole houses, teaching things that aren't necessary because of shameful gain. ¹² Someone of them – a prophet of their own – said, “Cretans are always liars, bad beasts, idle wombs.” ¹³ This testimony is true. For which reason be reproving them cuttingly, so that they should be healthy in the faith, ¹⁴ not giving heed to Jewish fables and commands of men, turning away from the truth. ¹⁵ Indeed, all things are clean to the clean, but to those having been polluted and unfaithful nothing is clean; but both their mind and conscience has been polluted. ¹⁶ They are confessing to have known God, but in the works they are denying Him, being abominable and disobedient, and disapproved toward every good work.

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¹ But you, be speaking the things proper for healthy teaching: ² Older men are to be sober, dignified, of sound thinking, healthy in the faith, in the devotion, in the endurance. ³ Older women likewise should be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not having been enslaved to much wine, teachers of good, ⁴ so that they may be sobering the young women to be lovers of their husbands, lovers of their children, ⁵ of sound thinking, pure, housekeepers, good, submitting themselves to their own husbands, that the Word of God be not defamed. ⁶ The young men likewise exhort to be of sound thinking, ⁷ in all things presenting yourself an example of good works in the teaching, integrity, dignity, incorruptibility, ⁸ healthy unassailable speech so that the one in opposition may be embarrassed, having nothing bad to say about us. ⁹ Slaves are themselves to be submissive to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not talking back, ¹⁰ not

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pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that they may beautify the teaching of God our Savior in all points.

¹¹ For the saving grace of God has appeared to all men, ¹² training us that denying the impiety and worldly cravings, we should live with sound thinking, and righteously, and piously in the present age, ¹³ anticipating the blessed expectation and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ Who gave Himself for us so that He might ransom us from all lawlessness and might purify for Himself a people for possession, zealous for good works. ¹⁵ Be speaking these things, and be encouraging and rebuking with all command. Let no one be disregarding you.

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¹ Be reminding them to submit themselves to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ² to malign no one, to be uncontentious, clement, showing all gentleness to all men, ³ for we were once also non-thinking, disobedient, being led astray, being enslaved to various cravings and pleasures, conducting ourselves in depravity and envy, detestable, detesting one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and the love of our Savior God appeared toward men, ⁵ not from works which we did in righteousness, but according to His mercy He saved us through the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ Whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that having been made righteous by His grace, we might become heirs according to the expectation of life everlasting.

⁸ Faithful is the word and about these things I am directing for you to be emphatically affirming so that they should be thoughtful of good works, to be leading those having believed in God. These are the good and profitable things for the people. ⁹ But be circumventing foolish disputes and genealogies and strifes and legal battles, for they are unprofitable and futile. ¹⁰ Be rejecting a heretical person after one and a second warning, ¹¹ having known that such a one has been turned out and is sinning, being self-condemned.

¹² When I will send Artemus to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me to Nicopolis, for I have judged to winter there. ¹³ Diligently send forth Zenas the scholar of the law, and Apollos, so that nothing should be lacking to them. ¹⁴ But let ours also learn to be leading from good works for the necessary needs, so that they shouldn't be unfruitful.

¹⁵ All those with me are greeting you. Greet those loving us in belief. The grace is with all of you. Amen.