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Titus

Chapter 1

¹Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of the chosen people of God and knowledge of the truth that agrees with godliness, ²with the certain hope of eternal life that the non-lying God promised before all the ages of time. ³But at the right time, he revealed his word by the proclamation, the one I was entrusted with by the command of God our Savior. ⁴To Titus, a true son in a common faith. Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

⁵For this purpose I left you in Crete, that you might set in order the things not yet being complete and ordain elders in every city as I directed you— ⁶if anyone is blameless, a husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of reckless behavior or rebellion. ⁷For the overseer must be blameless, as a household manager of God, not arrogant, not easily angered, not addicted to wine, not a brawler, not greedy. ⁸Instead, he must be hospitable, a friend of what is good, sensible, righteous, holy, self-controlled. ⁹He must hold tightly to the trustworthy message that is in accordance with the teaching, so that he may be able both to encourage others with sound teaching and to rebuke the ones opposing {him}.

¹⁰For there are many rebellious people, empty talkers and deceivers, especially the ones from the circumcision. ¹¹It is necessary to stop them. They are upsetting whole households, teaching what they should not for the sake of shameful profit. ¹²One of them, of their own prophets, has said, “Cretans {are} always liars, evil beasts, lazy bellies.” ¹³This testimony is true. For this reason, rebuke them severely, so that they may be sound in the faith, ¹⁴not paying any attention to Jewish myths or to commands of people turning away from the truth. ¹⁵All things {are} pure to the ones {who are} pure. But to the ones having been corrupted and unbelieving, nothing {is} pure, but both their minds and consciences have been corrupted. ¹⁶They profess to know God, but they deny {him} by their actions, being detestable and disobedient and unfit for any good work.

Chapter 2

¹But you, speak what fits with sound teaching. ²Older men, to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, {and} in perseverance. ³Older women, likewise, reverent in behavior, not slanderers and not enslaved to much wine, teachers of what is good, ⁴so that they may train the younger women to be lovers of their husbands, lovers of their children, ⁵sensible, pure, good housekeepers, {and} subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God may not be insulted. ⁶In the same way, exhort the younger men to be sensible. ⁷In everything present yourself {as} an example of good works. In the teaching, incorruption, dignity, ⁸{with} a sound message {that is} above criticism, so that the opponent may be ashamed, having nothing bad to say about us. ⁹Slaves, to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be pleasing, not to argue, ¹⁰not to steal, but to demonstrate all good faith, so that in every way they may show the beauty of the teaching that {is} about God our Savior. ¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, salvific for all men, ¹²training us, so that, rejecting godlessness and worldly passions, we might live in a sensible and righteous and godly way in the present age, ¹³while we look forward to receiving the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He gave himself for us in order to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a chosen people, zealous for good works.

¹⁵Speak of these things, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

Chapter 3

¹Remind them to submit to rulers {and} authorities, to obey {them}, to be ready for every good work, ²to revile no one, to be uncontentious, gentle, showing all humility toward all men. ³For once we also were foolish {and} disobedient. We were led astray, enslaved by various passions and pleasures. We lived in evil and envy, detestable, hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and the love for mankind of God our Savior appeared, ⁵{it was} not by works of righteousness that we did but by his mercy that he saved us through the washing of new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he richly poured on us through our Savior Jesus Christ, ⁷so that having been justified by the grace of that one, we might become heirs according to certain hope of eternal life. ⁸This message {is} trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things so that the ones having believed God may be careful to engage themselves in good works. These things are good and useful for men. ⁹But avoid foolish debates and genealogies and strife and conflict about the law because they are unprofitable and worthless. ¹⁰Reject a divisive person after one or two warnings, ¹¹knowing that such a one has turned from the right way and is sinning, being self-condemned.

¹²When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, hurry to come to me at Nicopolis, because I have decided to spend the winter there. ¹³Diligently send on their way Zenas the lawyer and Apollos so that they lack nothing. ¹⁴And also, our own must learn to engage themselves in good works toward essential needs, in order not to be unfruitful.

¹⁵All those with me greet you. Greet the ones loving us in faith. Grace {be} with all of you.

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