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

5 For 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— 6 if anyone is blameless, a
husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused
of reckless behavior or rebellion. 7 For 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. 8 Instead, he must be hospitable, a friend of what is
good, sensible, righteous, holy, self-controlled. 9 He 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*.

10 For there are many rebellious people, empty talkers and
deceivers, especially the ones from the circumcision. 11 It is
necessary to stop them. They are upsetting whole households,
teaching what they should not for the sake of shameful profit.
12 One of them, of their own prophets, has said, “Cretans *are*
always liars, evil beasts, lazy bellies.” 13 This testimony is true.
For this reason, rebuke them severely, so that they may be
sound in the faith, 14 not paying any attention to Jewish myths
or to commands of people turning away from the truth. 15 All
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. 16 They
profess to know God, but they deny *him* by their actions, being
detestable and disobedient and unfit for any good work.

2 But you, speak what fits with sound teaching. 2 Older
men, to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith,
in love, *and* in perseverance. 3 Older women, likewise, reverent
in behavior, not slanderers and not enslaved to much wine,
teachers of what is good, 4 so that they may train the younger
women to be lovers of their husbands, lovers of their children,
5 sensible, pure, good housekeepers, *and* subject to their own
husbands, so that the word of God may not be insulted. 6 In
the same way, exhort the younger men to be sensible. 7 In
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. 9 Slaves, to be subject to
their own masters in everything, to be pleasing, not to argue,
10 not 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. 11 For the grace of God has appeared,
salvific for all men, 12 training us, so that, rejecting godlessness
and worldly passions, we might live in a sensible and righteous
and godly way in the present age, 13 while we look forward to
receiving the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our
great God and Savior Jesus Christ. 14 He gave himself for us
in order to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for
himself a chosen people, zealous for good works.

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

3 Remind them to submit to rulers *and* authorities, to obey
them, to be ready for every good work, 2 to revile no one, to
be uncontentious, gentle, showing all humility toward all men.
3 For 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. 4 But 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, 6 whom he richly poured on us
through our Savior Jesus Christ, 7 so that having been justified
by the grace of that one, we might become heirs according to
certain hope of eternal life. 8 This 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. 9 But avoid
foolish debates and genealogies and strife and conflict about
the law because they are unprofitable and worthless. 10 Reject
a divisive person after one or two warnings, 11 knowing that
such a one has turned from the right way and is sinning, being
self-condemned.

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

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