

Titus chapter 1

Verses 1-4 are one long sentence; does Paul suggest that the message of the gospel was entrusted especially to him by God (thereby implying that he is the ultimate earthly authority regarding that message) [3]?

Are the qualifications for elders that are listed in 5-9: (a) the minimum standard which must absolutely be met in every detail before appointing someone to a leadership position; or (b) is this a “wish list” to be matched as closely as possible when recruiting candidates; or (c) the goals that one aspires to reach after being appointed an elder?

What two reasons does Paul give to explain his command that certain people “must be silenced” [10-16]? Who was (is) the target of this command? is the group large or small?

Titus chapter 2 -- House Rules For The Household of God

Who is required to be self-controlled? Who is warned not to drink too much? [1-6] Again, are these aspirational requirements, or do breaches require punishment? What requirements are placed on young men [7-8]?

What does Paul have to say about slavery? What does he say to Christian slaves?

In 11-15 what should we be or become, and what should we do? How can those things happen?

Titus chapter 3

Who is “them” in verse 1? Is this section [1-7] about what we know, or about who we are, or about what we do? This paragraph uses plain talk to teach some critical theological truths: how do we become members of the household of God, and what happens after we do?

What is our natural response to being saved [1, 8, 14; also 2:7]?

Next week: Philemon

Easy English Translation -- *Titus 1:1-3*

¹This letter is from Paul. I am a servant of God. I am an apostle of Jesus Christ. I help the people that God has chosen. I help them, as they believe. I help them to really know the truth. It shows them how to respect and please God. ²This is the truth. God's people can confidently expect to live for ever. Before time began, God promised eternal life. God cannot lie. ³At the right time God let people know this good news. And he trusted me to tell it to everyone. God, who saves us, ordered me to do it.

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