

St. Paul's epistle to Titus | Titus 1:5–16

Verse 5

- This verse tells the “occasion” for the Paul’s letter to Titus. Why did Paul leave Titus in Crete?
- _____
- What is the first task that Titus must do to accomplish the things that Paul left him in Crete to do? _____ elders.
- These commands from Paul to Titus are consistent with Matthew 28:19–20, which says that in addition to baptizing there must also be _____.

Verses 6–9

- These next four verses are more detailed _____ regarding Titus’s first task of taking care of unfinished business.
- The list of qualifications for a leader in the church begins with the _____. *Compare to 1 Tim. 3:5*
- Verse 6 tells us quite explicitly that the elder is to be a _____, and this requirement is also stated in 1 Tim. 3:2.
- The family unit is frequently used as a model for the church. Consider Ephesians 5:23, 28–32.
- Beginning with verse 7 we get a list of five things that a “pastor” *must not* be. What are they?
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
- Verse 8 tells us of six things that a “pastor” *must be*. What are they?
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____
- In Verse 9 we are told that this “pastor” must hold firmly to the trustworthy word as it was taught. What might you call this word that is “taught?” _____ teaching.
- For what two reasons must this elder hold firmly to the Word?
 1. _____ sound doctrine
 2. _____ those who contradict it.

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Verses 10–16

- What “label” does St. Paul give to those who are opposing the gospel?
 - The _____ party.
- What do you suppose these “opponents” were teaching that was wrong?
 - _____
- What physical characteristic did Titus have that made him particularly qualified to combat these false teachers? He was _____.
- In verse 12, St. Paul quotes a Cretan philosopher. Some of the earliest Christians have attributed this quote a man named _____.
 - What can we, as Christians, learn from what St. Paul does here?

- Read Verses 9 and 13. What is St. Paul's attitude toward false teaching?

- Verse 14 states that false commands turn us away from what?
 - The _____. *Remember John 14:6 and 17:17*
 - What does St. Paul list specifically as turning people away from the truth? _____ myths.
- If you had to summarize verse 15 with just one word, what word would it be?
_____.
- Who was very much concerned with “purity?” The _____.
 - The _____ lamb had to be without blemish.
 - _____ offerings had to be without blemish.
 - The “_____ of Mary and Presentation of Jesus” is a high feast day in the church, based on Leviticus 12.
- Verse 15 begins with the words “To the pure.” Who are the pure, and how do they get that way? _____
- Verse 16, “On what basis are the opponents “denying” God? On the basis of their _____.”