

**LESSON 6**  
**THE BOOK OF TITUS**  
**SECOND SEMESTER**  
**CHRONOLOGICAL STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**

Key verse: For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope, and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. (Titus 2:11-13)

**PRAYER FOCUS: Ask the Lord how you can apply this book that Paul wrote to all who have a full-time ministry. As Christians, we each have a full time ministry. Ask the Lord to show you what that looks like in your life.**

## **Introduction**

Towards the end of his life, the Apostle Paul foresaw a great tsunami of attacks coming against the church. He responded with three letters which are called the [Pastoral Epistles](#): 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy and Titus. After Paul was released from his first imprisonment, he traveled to different places including the island of Crete, a small island (160 miles long), south of Greece and Turkey in the Mediterranean Sea. Although it is small it is one of the larger islands in the Mediterranean Sea. Paul wrote this letter to Titus around 62 A.D. from somewhere in Macedonia.

By the second century B.C. Crete had a large Jewish population. Acts 2:11 tells us that Cretan Jews were among the people visiting Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples. From Titus 1:5 we can surmise that Paul had been on Crete with Titus in a joint missionary effort. Crete is a small island in the Mediterranean Sea & at that time had a large Jewish population. It is thought that the churches had been founded by Jews who had been in Jerusalem at Pentecost.

Paul recognized the influence the world was having on the church at its early stage of development. Think about the influence the world has on our churches.

### **DAY ONE**

#### **READ TITUS ONE**

1. What can we learn about Titus from scripture?

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2. Why did Paul leave Titus in Crete?

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3. What qualifications were given for elders? V 6-9 The word for elders can be interpreted as priests, bishops, pastors, stewards.

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4. How have churches today veered away from these standards?

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5. How are the Cretans described? V. 10-15

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- ❖ **Evidently the Cretans were known for their lying.**  
❖ **Give an example of how lies have hurt you. Describe how you could have avoided the hurt.**

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- ❖ **Have you ever believed a lie? \_\_\_\_\_**  
❖ **How have you made a commitment to only believe the truth?**

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**DAY TWO**  
**READ TITUS TWO**

This chapter presents sound instruction for different age groups, but this advice is applicable to every Christian. So don't skip over the instructions because they don't fit your age group.

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1. What is sound doctrine for the older men? (1-2)

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2. What is sound doctrine for the older women? (3)

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3. What were the 7 things that older women were to teach the younger women? (4-5)

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ |          |

❖ **Give an example of a time that you have either been taught or had the opportunity to be a teacher of at least one of these priorities for women.**

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4. What were young men exhorted to be? (6-8) This would have been men between 20 & 40.

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<b>The World's View</b>	<b>God's View</b>
Home is a boring drudgery.	Home is a haven to come to from the world.
Homemaking & children are a burden.	They are God's good gifts.
Value material success & self-gratification NOW.	Value character & godliness, & invest in the future.
Place children in childcare rather than caring for them yourself.	Parents should teach & fulfill their responsibilities to train their children.
Children, homemaking, & often marriage get in the way of self-achievement.	Raising godly children is one of the ways to fulfill God's purposes & one of the highest callings in life.
Demand your rights to fulfillment.	Give up your rights & become a servant.

❖ **What can churches do today to uphold the principles that Paul gave?**

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**DAY THREE**  
**READ TITUS TWO**

1. What were servants (slaves) exhorted to be? (9-10).

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2. Where do we get the self-control to live up to these standards? (11-12)

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3. What is referred to as a "blessed hope"?

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4. What did Jesus do for us? (14)

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❖ **How has Jesus empowered you to overcome a challenging area in your life?**

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As we have moved through Paul's letter to Titus, we have discovered the characteristics of the Cretan people. They were a wicked, morally corrupt society. The Cretans' minds and consciences were corrupted. They professed to know God, but they denied Him by their deeds. Let us take the exhortations of Paul seriously and apply them to our lives and let our deeds match our words. We live in a morally corrupt society as well. Take precautions that you are not influenced by the world, but that you are a positive influence to those around you.

**DAY FOUR**  
**TITUS THREE**

1. What was Titus to remind the Cretans to do? (1-2)

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2. How did God save us? (3-7)

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3. What should those who believe in God be careful to do? (8, 14)

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4. What should we avoid? (9)

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5. Who should we reject? (10-11)

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These words in 9-11 refer primarily to those who profess to be Christian but whose lives reflect the attitudes of the evil world around them. The purpose of the church is to invade the world with the love of Jesus Christ. When the church is beset with problems, it is usually because the world is invading the church, not because the church is invading the world! The gospel was given to be a disturbing element in the world, because society never changes for the better unless it is disturbed. Whenever the church is true to its authentic message, it stands against the status quo. The church is a revolutionary body – and the revolution it brings is one of love and purity that challenges the wicked, brutish status quo. (Ray Stedman, *Adventuring Through the Bible*.)

Several times through this letter to Titus, we read the phrase *sound doctrine*. In order to change society, people must be told the truth. In order for people to change, their nature has to be changed. That's what the truth of salvation is all about.

❖ **Give an example of a time that you have had to stand up for the truth and been rejected because of your stand.**

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