

Titus 1

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1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; (Titus = protected)
(Titus was a Gentile; a Greek who was converted by Paul) See Galatians-2:3, 2Corinthians-8:23

(Paul was recruited by Jesus Himself) Acts-9

²In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; (Before this Age began; God's plan of salvation was started during the First Age. His plan never changes. We can count on that)

³But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour; (It was God's Word that converted Titus, through Paul's actions and teachings)

⁴To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.
(Titus was like a spiritual son to Paul)

⁵For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: (Titus preached God's Word in Crete. Paul did a circuit, visiting many cities and establishing many churches)

⁶If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. (Titus was appointing elders in the church of Crete. This was a basis for consideration)

Jeremiah-3:8 (God gave Israel a bill of divorcement because she whored after false gods. Divorce for people is not the unforgivable sin as so many ignorant preachers teach. Repent, change your ways and go on with your life)

NOTE: (Paul was wrong about divorce. Jesus can forgive divorce with repentance)

⁷For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to

filthy lucre; (A corrupt or egotistical or greedy or drunken bishop would establish a corrupt church)

(The church reflects the morality and the character of its leaders. Church leaders should be held to a higher standard than the people)

⁸ But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; (temperate = patient)

(He is able to lead a church that is worthy of God's grace)

See Revelation-2:9, 3:9 (These churches taught who the Kenites are. They were the only two churches that God approved of)

⁹ Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. (A preacher must preach the doctrine of Jesus Christ, complete and unchanged; not sermons from his own imagination)

¹⁰ For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: (They of the circumcision = the Israelites; There are many evil or corrupt preachers who use religion for financial gain)

¹¹ Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. (They do great harm with their false doctrines. They're only in it for the money. Get preachers like that out of your church. They are no good)

¹² One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, the Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. (Their own people call them liars and thieves. There was a lot of false teaching in Crete)

¹³ This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; (Don't go along with them or give them any credentials. Rebuke them publicly for the liars that they are)

¹⁴ Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. (Don't give their made up doctrines and traditions any value. Stick with God's Word – chapter by chapter, verse by verse. That's what the people need to learn)

¹⁵ Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. (What comes from a corrupt mind is corruption)

(What comes from a righteous mind is in harmony with God's Word. Choose wisely when selecting church elders)

¹⁶ They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. (They are play actors; pretending to be fluent in the scriptures. But they put their own spin on it. They don't really teach anything about God's Word. They lead people into deception and possible damnation, through ignorance. They murder souls) see Jeremiah-23