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### I. GREETING

#### FROM

1:1 Paul,  
a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ

for the faith of God's elect  
and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness—  
2 a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life,  
which God, who does not lie,

- promised before the beginning of time,
- 3 and at his appointed season he brought his word to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior,

#### TO

4 To Titus,  
my true son in our common faith:

Grace and peace  
from

God the Father and  
Christ Jesus our Savior.

### II. PAUL PUTS TITUS IN CHARGE OF SELECTING CHURCH LEADERSHIP

5 The reason I left you in Crete  
was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.

#### QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ELDER

6 An elder must be  
blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.

7 Since an overseer<sup>[b]</sup> is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quicktempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain.

8 Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is selfcontrolled, upright, holy and disciplined.

9 He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught,  
so that he can  
encourage others by sound doctrine and  
refute those who oppose it.

10 For there are many rebellious people,  
mere talkers and deceivers, especially those of the  
circumcision group. 11 They must be silenced, because  
they are ruining whole households by teaching things they  
ought not to teach—and that for the sake of dishonest gain.  
12 Even one of their own prophets has said, “Cretans are  
always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons.”

13 This testimony is true. Therefore, rebuke them sharply, so that  
they will be sound in the faith 14 and will pay no attention to Jewish  
myths or to the commands of those who reject the truth. 15 To the  
pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not  
believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences  
are corrupted. 16 They claim to know God, but by their actions they  
deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing  
anything good.

### III. PAUL TELLS TITUS WHAT TO TEACH CHURCH MEMBERS

2:1 You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.

#### DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS

2 Teach the **older men**

to be temperate, worthy of respect, selfcontrolled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.

3 Likewise, teach the **older women**

to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good.

4 Then they can train the **younger women**

to love their husbands and children, 5 to be selfcontrolled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

6 Similarly, encourage the **young men**

to be selfcontrolled. 7 In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness 8 and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

#### SLAVES

9 Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, 10 and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.

#### GRACE

11 For the grace of God

that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

12 It teaches us

to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live selfcontrolled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

13 **while we wait** for the blessed hope—

the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

14 who gave himself for us

to redeem us from all wickedness and

to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

15 These, then, are the things you should teach.

Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.

*INTER-PERSONEL RELATIONSHIPS -- SUBMISSION*

3:1 Remind the people  
to be subject to rulers and authorities,  
to be obedient,  
to be ready to do whatever is good,  
2 to slander no one,  
to be peaceable and considerate, and  
to show true humility toward all men.

3 At one time

we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.

4 But

when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,

5 he saved us,  
not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

He saved us  
through

the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,  
6 whom he poured out on us  
generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

7 so that,  
having been justified by his grace,  
we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

8 This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

9 But

avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. 10 Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him. 11 You may be sure that such a man is warped and sinful; he is selfcondemned.

*IV, FAREWELL*

12 As soon as I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, because I have decided to winter there.

13 Do everything you can to help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way and see that they have everything they need.

14 Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order that they may provide for daily necessities and not live unproductive lives.

15 Everyone with me sends you greetings.

Greet those who love us in the faith.

Grace be with you all.