

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 02 June 2019.....1Timothy 1.....Entrusted
- 2) 09 June.....1Timothy 2.....On Mission
- 3) 16 June.....1Timothy 3.....Setting the Example
- 4) 23 June.....1Timothy 4.....Staying the Course
- 5) 30 June.....1Timothy 5.....Being Responsible
- 6) 07 July.....1Timothy 6.....Lasting Investments
- 7) 14 July.....2Timothy 1.....Confidence
- 8) 21 July.....2Timothy 2.....Focused
- 9) 28 July.....2Timothy 3.....Diligent
- 10) 04 August.....2Timothy 4.....Enduring
- 11) 11 August.....Titus 1.....Living with Opposition**
- 12) 18 August.....Titus 2.....Living with Integrity
- 13) 25 August.....Titus 3.....Living to Do

INTRODUCTION

- Titus was another trusted co-worker of Paul's who was appointed by Paul to select church elders, exhort sound doctrine, reprove false teachers, and refute false teachings so the church could remain strong in its faith, doctrines, and practices
- Paul wrote 1Timothy and Titus about the same time, probably after his first Roman imprisonment (**Acts 28**) between 63-65 AD
- Titus was never mentioned in Acts, but he is mentioned 13 times in the rest of the New Testament, always in a positive light
- Especially significant in this epistle is the repeated emphasis on "good deeds" (1:16; 2:7,14; 3:1,8,14)

Passage	Comments
Titus 1:1-4	<p>Salutation and Build Up of Believers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. "...for the faith of those chosen of God" – Paul's mission was 2-fold – 1) convince unbelievers of the Gospel; and 2) encourage believers to live for Christ. Those who willingly accept the Gospel message become the "chosen of God" – where once before they were unchosen & not God's people1Peter 2:10 • vv2-3. "but at the proper time God manifested His word..." – Progressive revelation is confirmed • 3x in this letter God the Father is called <i>Savior</i> (here; 2:10; 3:4); 3x in 1Timothy (1Tim 1:1; 2:3; 4:10); and 3x Jesus is called <i>Savior</i> (1:4; 2:13; 3:6; also 2Tim 1:10) • Paul uses "Savior" 12x in all his letters, half of the references being in Titus
1:5-9	<p>Guard Your Character</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v5. "Appoint elders in every city..." – Elders/Pastors were initially appointed by the Apostles, Apostolic appointees, or by other Elders • v6. "The husband of one wife" lit "Man of one woman" – Similarly, any widow to be supported by a church on a full time basis was to be "the wife of one husband" (1Timothy 5:9). Avoidance of adultery (spotless testimony) is critical for church leadership and for those seeking full time support from the church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ An otherwise qualified unmarried man or a widower was not necessarily barred from being an elder. The most likely meaning is simply that a faithful monogamous married life must be maintained ♦ For more details on Elder & Deacon qualifications see Sunday School lesson on 1Timothy-03 • v7. "Above reproach" – why such a high standard? What if a church can't find men without reproaches? What would happen if we allow good men (or women), who meet all qualifications except 1 to be Elders? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ When is it OK to compromise God's standards? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Depends ♦ Would God discipline us or leave us alone?

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v9. "...sound teaching..." – Paul uses "sound" 10x in 1,2 Timothy and Titus. Sound conveys HEALTH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Why "refute" those who contradict sound doctrine? Why waste time & energy on difficult people? ♦ Remember the priority is to convince, not throw out ♦ Even Paul argued, debated, reasoned, and "spoke in such a manner 1,000's believed" Acts 14:1
1:10-16	<p>Correct False Teachings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv10-14. The reason for refuting false teachers and their doctrine is to protect believers from scams • v11. "They must be silenced" NASB & NIV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ So, how should they be silenced? <input type="checkbox"/> With facts? <input type="checkbox"/> With apologetics? <input type="checkbox"/> With reason? <input type="checkbox"/> With love? • v12. The quotation is from the poet Epimenides who was a 6th century BC native of Crete see below • vv15-16. Truth comes out: "They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him...".. see Mat 7:15-23
Extra-Biblical Quotations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quotations or allusions to non-Biblical works in the NT include Paul's quotation of secular poets Aratus in Acts 17:28, Menander in 1Cor 15:33, Epimenides in Titus 1:12; Paul stated in 2Tim 3:8 that Jannes and Jambres were the unnamed culprits who withstood Moses in one OT incident – whose names were known only by tradition; the writer of Hebrews 11:35 quoted from II Maccabees (an apocryphal book); Jude 9 quotes Michael the Archangel from "The Assumption of Moses"; and Jude also quoted from the apocryphal Book of Enoch in Jude 14 • Such usage does not raise the extra-biblical sources to canonical status, but the Biblical authors under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, found the quotations suitable for confirming, clarifying or illustrating a point
Life on Crete	<p>In the NT era, life on the 4th largest island in the Mediterranean had sunk to a deplorable moral level. The dishonesty, gluttony, and laziness of its inhabitants were proverbial (1:12). Paul and Titus apparently introduced Christianity in Crete, and Paul left Titus there to establish the church amongst such an immoral culture</p>

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- Challenging teachers of false doctrines is never fun, but it is a must for those who oversee the health and vitality of the church

NEXT WEEK: Titus 2. Titus receives instructions for how old and young men and women, married and single, need to behave themselves

