Titus in Crete; requirements for overseers;

## CHAPTER 1

- 1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to *the* faith of God's chosen, and the full knowledge of the truth according to godliness,
- 2 Upon hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the times eternal,
- 3 And manifested his word in its own times through preaching, with which I was entrusted according to the decree of God, our Savior:
- 4 To Titus, a genuine son according to a common faith: Grace, mercy, peace, from Father God, and *the* Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- 5 For this grace I left you in Crete that you further set upright the things left, and place elders by city as I ordered you,
- 6 If anyone is blameless, a one wife man,<sup>6</sup> having believing children, not *being* in an accusation of unsaved conduct or insubordinate.
- 7 Because an overseer<sup>7</sup> must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self pleasing, not wrathful, not given to wine, not striking with hurt, not shameful in greed,
- 8 But a lover of guests, a lover of inherent good, a saved mind, righteous, inherently holy, strong,

nature of Cretans

- 9 Firmly holding the faithful word according to the teaching, that he may be powerful in sound teaching both to call on and convict the disputers,
- 10 Because there are also many insubordinate empty talkers and deluders of the mind, particularly those of the circumcision.
- 11 Whose mouths must be stopped, overturning entire houses, teaching things they ought not for shameful gain.
- 12 One of them, a prophet of their own, said, The Cretans *are* always falsifiers, worthless beasts, idle bellies.
- 13 This witness is true; because of this reason convict them abruptly, that they may be sound in the faith,
- 14 Not holding their minds toward Jewish myths, and commandments of men, having turned away from the truth.
- 15 All things truly *are* clean to the clean, and to those having been defiled and unbelieving absolutely not one thing *is* clean, but even their mind and conscience have been defiled.
- 16 They confess to know God, and in works they deny *him*, being detestable, and unconvinced, and for every good work disapproved.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> **1:6 one wife man.** See Note on 1 Tim 3:2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> **1:7** See Note 1 Tim 3:1

## **CHAPTER 2**

- 1 And you speak the things which become sound teaching:
- 2 That the aged men be sober, venerable, saved in mind, sound in faith, in love, in cheerful endurance:
- 3 The aged *women* likewise, in behavior reverent, not diabolical, not having become in servitude to much wine, teachers of beautifully good things,
- 4 That they may cause the young women to have saved minds, to be lovers of *their* husbands, lovers of children,
- 5 Saved in mind, holy, guarding the home, inherently good, arranged under their own men, that the word of God not be blasphemed.
- 6 Call on *the* youth likewise to be of a saved mind,
- 7 In all things affording yourself a pattern of beautiful good works, in teaching, in purity, in venerableness, in uncorruptness,
- 8 Healthy words that cannot be condemned, that the one of *the* opposition be confounded, having nothing bad to say about you.
- 9 Let servants be arranged under their own rulers, to be well pleasing in all things, not disputing,
- 10 Not hiding things for yourself, but showing all inherent good faith, that they may adorn the teaching of God our Savior in all things,

- 11 Because the grace of God has manifested salvation to all men.
- 12 Training us that, denying ungodliness and worldly longings, we should live with saved mindedness, righteously and devotedly in this present age,
- 13 Receiving to yourself the blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ,
- 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all lawlessness, and cleanse to himself a peculiar people, zealots for beautiful good works.
- 15 These things speak, and comfort, and convict with all authority. Let no one despise you.

## **CHAPTER 3**

- 1 Remind them to be arranged under head rulers, and authorities, to obey rulers, to be ready for every inherent good work,
- 2 To blaspheme no one, not to be quarrelsome, but appropriate, showing all meekness toward all men,
- 3 Because we ourselves also were sometimes mindless, unconvinced, deceived, serving many longings, and selfish pleasures, passing through in worthlessness and envy, hateful, hating one another.
- 4 And when the moral excellence and love of God our Savior toward man was manifested,
- 5 Absolutely not out of works in righteousness which we had done, but according to his

mercy he saved us, through *the* washing of regeneration and renewing of *the* Holy Spirit,

- 6 Whom he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ, our Savior,
- 7 That being justified by his grace, we should become heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.
- 8 The word *is* faithful, and concerning these things I will you to strongly confirm, that those having believed God may exercise thought to cause beautiful good works to stand before *them*. These things are beautifully good and advantageous to men.
- 9 And avoid stupid questions, and genealogies, and quarrels, and battles about the law, because they are useless and empty.
- 10 A man *being* a heretic after the first and second warning ask to be excused *from him*,
- 11 Seeing that such a one has been perverted, and sins, being condemned of himself.
- 12 When I shall send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, use earnest speed to come to me into Nicopolis because I have judged there to winter.
- 13 Zenas, the lawyer, and Apollos send forward on their journey with earnest speed that nothing be lacking to them.
- 14 And let ours also learn to cause beautiful good works to stand for necessary uses, that they not be unfruitful.

15 All those with me embrace you. Embrace those loving us in faith. Grace *be* with all of you. Amen.

## **TITUS**