

Titus

Chapter One

Paul had planted on church on the island of Crete during one of his missionary journeys. This letter is written to Titus. He was one of Paul's converts and was a considerable help to Paul in ministry. Paul had left Titus on the island to set things in order, organize the converts and train leaders. Crete was the fourth largest island in the Mediterranean. The island had a poor reputation full of dishonest, lazy, and gluttonous people.

FAITH COMES BY HEARING: Read Chapter One

SUMMARY: Verses 1-16

1. Knowledge of the truth will always lead you to godliness. You can't claim truth and live ungodly.
2. God cannot lie. You can fully trust Him at all times.
3. Your faith is in direct correlation to eternal life. There is no eternal life apart from faith.
4. God does things in appointed seasons. Crucial events occur at designated times in history. This is all part of God's prophetic plan.
5. Church is more than just a good meeting. Titus was left on Crete to disciple converts, establish leadership, and organize the Christians on the island.
6. Paul list the qualifications of being an elder (overseer). These qualifications were indicative of a true and mature believer in Christ.
7. Without mature leaders Christianity would be infiltrated by bad doctrine and evil people working contrary to God's kingdom and will.
8. Some people do things out of a wrong heart for dishonest gain. You should never let this stop you from serving and leading in the house of God.
9. The Cretans had a horrible testimony - lazy, gluttons, liars, and evil. Paul instructs Titus to rebuke them. This shows us that leadership is to watch over the character of Christians. We should challenge each other to godly living and example.
10. Sound faith should affect life style. Your actions should declare your faith.
11. If you mouth says one thing and your actions express another it's labeled as detestable, disobedient, and unfit for doing anything good.

REFLECTION

1. What verse stuck out to you most?
2. Explain this phrase, "You can't claim truth and live ungodly."
3. Why is there NO eternal life apart from faith?
4. How have you handled different seasons of your life?
5. How has leadership impacted you Christian walk? Positive or negative.
6. Why do you feel mature leaders are needed in the church?
7. Why do you think God cares about your testimony?
8. Do you agree with this phrase, "If your actions don't line up with your belief you are unfit for anything good."

APPLICATION

1. Who has impacted your faith walk the most? Give them a call and thank them.
2. What steps will you take to guard your testimony?
3. Are there things in your faith walk now that would hinder you from being a leader? What are they? What will you do to change such?

