



Refreshing (Titus)

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Life Change: We would be refreshing

Selected texts

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We were at the Lego store...

Titus is refreshing:

Paul is blessed by his company

2 Corinthians 7:5-6

Paul is bothered by his absence

2 Cor 2:12-13

Everyone knows he is diligent

2 Cor 8:16-17

Titus can be trusted with tough jobs:

Being a guinea pig for grace

Galatians 2:1-3

Setting in order some tough church situations

Titus 1:4-5

Being counted on in time of need

Titus 3:12

To be a refreshing Christian:

Avoid foolishness

Titus 3:9-11

Give of yourself

Titus 3:13-14

To be refreshed as a Christian:

Follow the Lord

Proverbs 3:5-8

Rest

Exodus 31:17

Drink of Jesus' living water

John 4:13-14

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PAUL'S VALUABLE PARTNERS

VIRTUS

Aquila & Priscilla

John Mark

EPAPHRAS

Luke



Timothy

Epaphroditus

Titus TIMOTHY

Barnabas

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE



courtesy Kris Dunlap



courtesy SunTimes



courtesy Lego



Paul & Titus
Hugh Arnold
1902

VIRTUS = the character traits that comprise the strength of society. These personal traits make for powerful relationships that change the world.

**Virtus celebrated on an
AD 305 Roman coin**



Dependable – Luke

Noble – Apollos

Industrious – Epaphroditus

Encouraging – Barnabas

Refreshing – Titus

Maturing – John Mark & Timothy

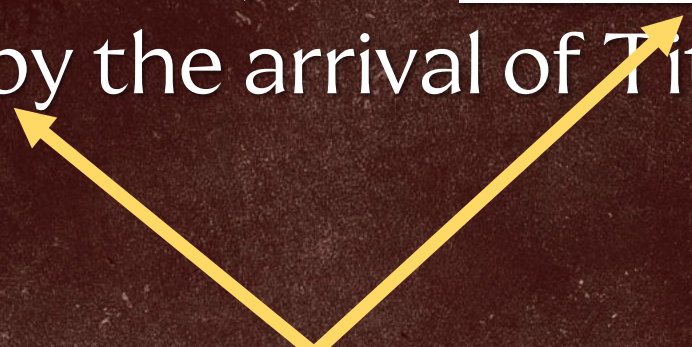
Unifying – Aquila & Priscilla

Gracious – Epaphras

Virtues in
Paul's
Friends

^{7:5} In fact, when we came into Macedonia, we had no rest. Instead, we were troubled in every way: conflicts on the outside, fears within. ⁶ But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the arrival of Titus.

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Greek: παρακαλέω parakaleo = walking alongside;
includes an array of actions like exhortation,
correction, comfort, and invitation

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Some kind of lonely clown
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Funny, but it seems I always wind up here with you
Nice to know somebody loves me
Funny, but it seems that it's the only thing to do
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2 Corinthians 2 CSB



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Significance is not measured by how many people know [one's] name. It is measured by how many people are grateful they do. – Conner Davis, The Laws of Care



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2 Corinthians 8 CSB

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12:17 Did I take advantage of you by any of those I sent you? ¹⁸ I urged Titus to go, and I sent the brother with him. Titus didn't take advantage of you, did he? Didn't we walk in the same spirit and in the same footsteps?

2 Corinthians CSB

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2 Corinthians 12 CSB

He gets the tough jobs.



courtesy msn

¹ Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along also. ² I went up according to a revelation and presented to them the gospel I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those recognized as leaders. I wanted to be sure I was not running, and had not been running, in vain. ³ But not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek.

Galatians 2 CSB



The Galatians are being put upon by legalists who teach that Gentiles have to become ritual Jews before they can be saved. They also teach that justification before God is lost as soon as the human stops doing his ritual part.

Paul's travels through southern Galatia

Titus deliberates
unknown artist
ca. 1620



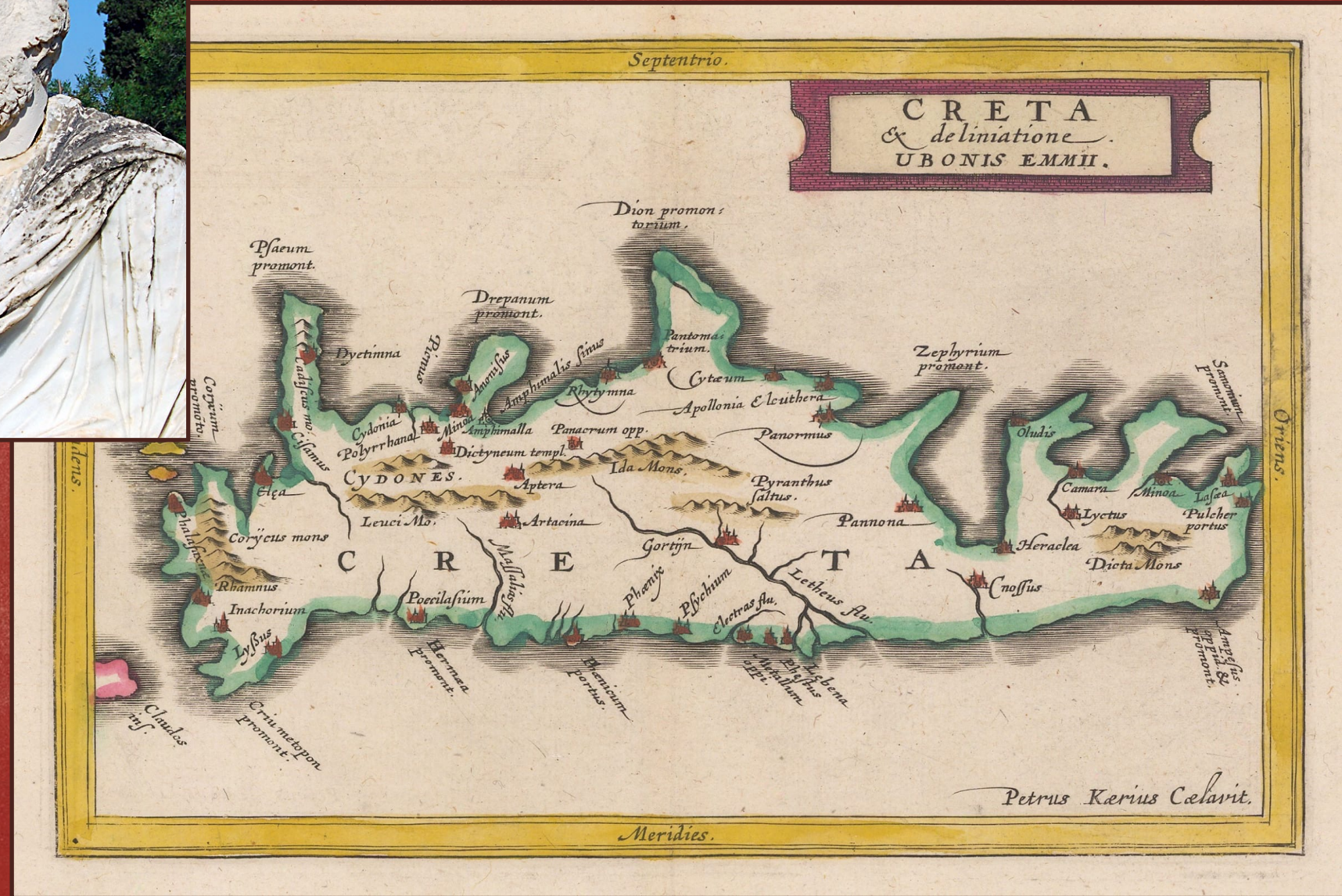
That Judaizer
stuff belongs in
the pigsty.

Titus deliberates
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^{1:4} To Titus, my true son in our common faith.
Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ
Jesus our Savior.

⁵ The reason I left you in Crete was to set right what
was left undone and, as I directed you, to appoint
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¹⁰ For there are many rebellious people, full of empty talk and deception, especially those from the circumcision party. ¹¹ It is necessary to silence them; they are ruining entire households by teaching what they shouldn't in order to get money dishonestly.

¹² One of their very own prophets said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

Titus 1 CSB



courtesy YouTube Note: This is how I picture his work.



courtesy Stable Style

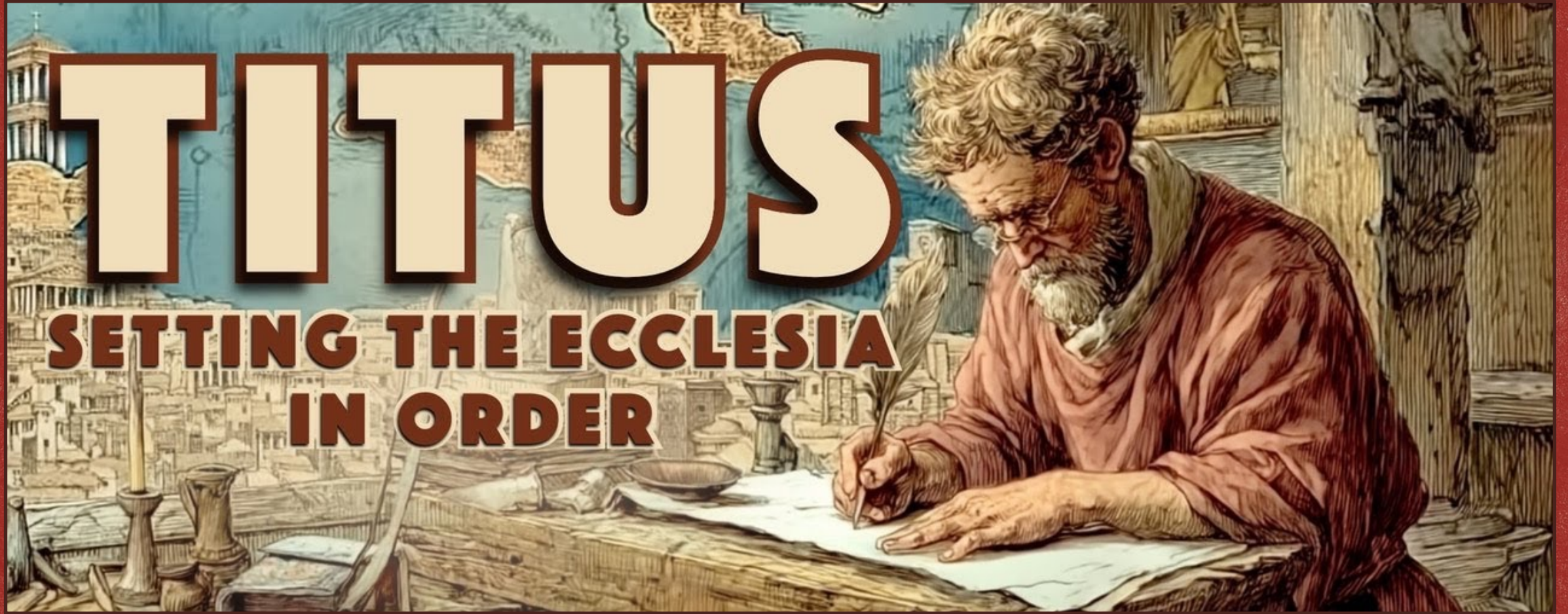
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¹² When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to come to me in Nicopolis, because I have decided to spend the winter there.

Titus 3 CSB



TITUS

SETTING THE ECCLESIA
IN ORDER

These churches [on Crete and in Nicopolis] were increasingly endangered by a judaizing-gnostic countermission...Some house churches were ravaged and near collapse, as Paul's instructions to Titus indicate: 'Restore the things that remain, and appoint elders in each city...For many deceivers...are overthrowing whole houses' (Titus 1:5, 10-11).

– E. Earle Ellis in Dictionary of Paul and His Letters



Legalists like the Cretan Judaizers are focused on things humans must do to reach heavenly salvation.

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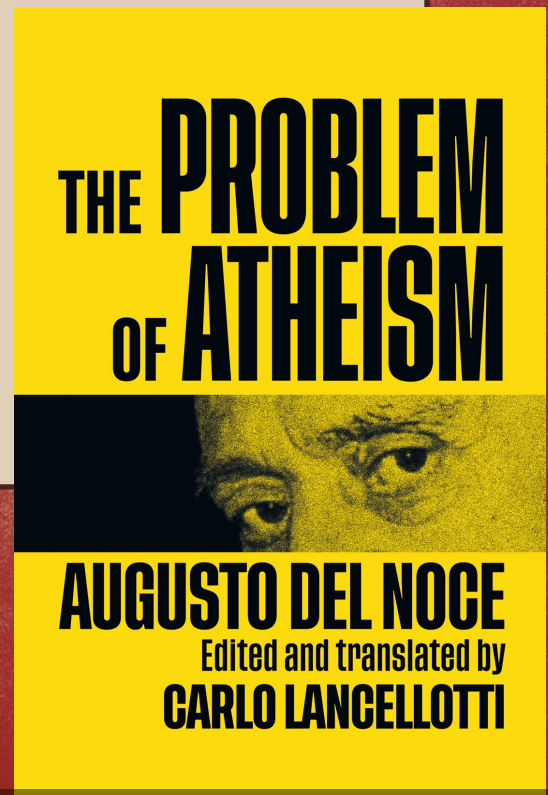
Gnostics like those in Nicopolis are concerned with things humans must do to create a heaven on earth.

Gnostics are worried about your impact on their utopian dreams for earth.

With stunning accuracy, del Noce predicted the Soviet Union's collapse and the sexual revolution decades in advance. He foresaw the failure of Marxism in the East. He also described its ironic triumph in the West in the form of a soft totalitarianism [via] a technocracy of experts. In each case, he declared the driving force is Gnosticism, which comes in all shapes and sizes. – Francis X. Maier summary of Augusto del Noce's *The Problem of Atheism*

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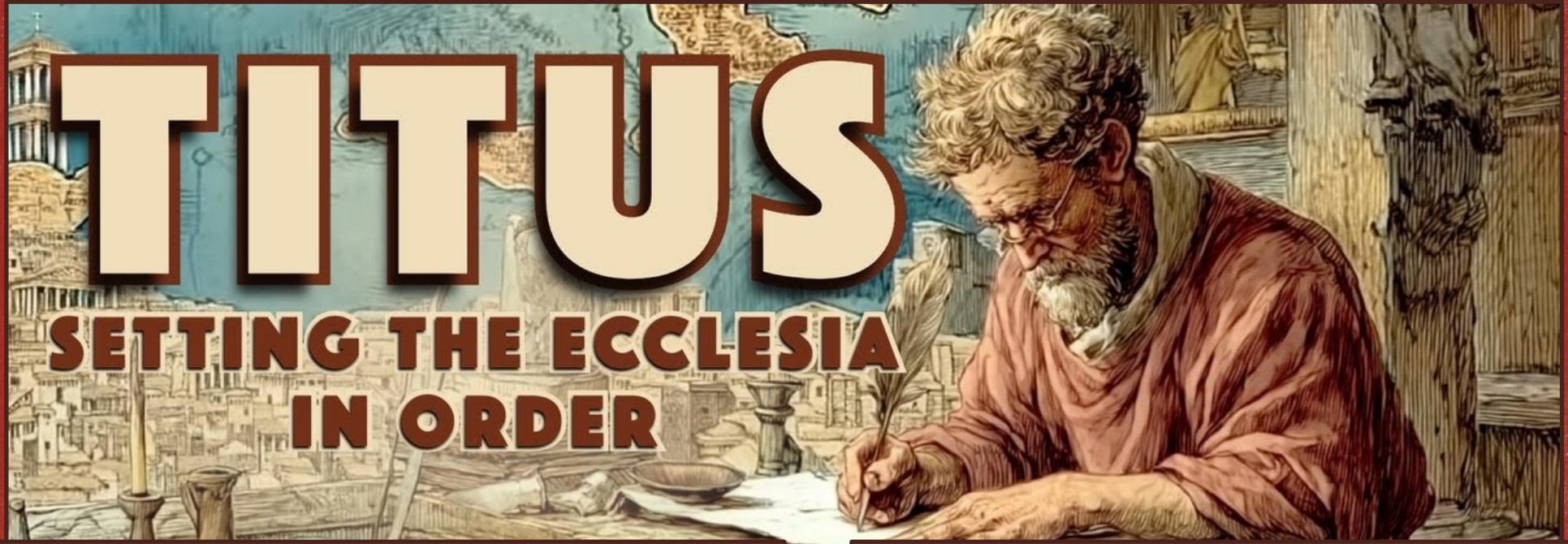




Titus
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Augusto Del Noce
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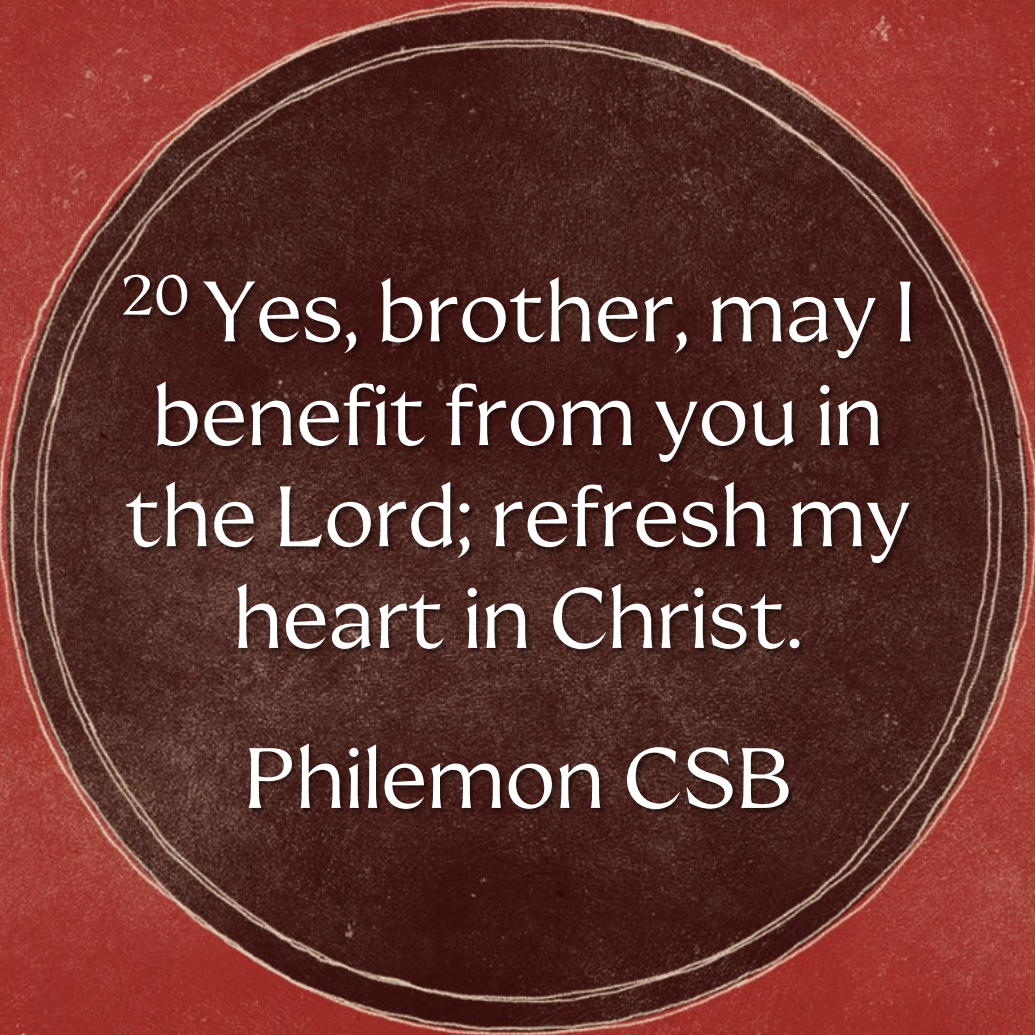


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Philemon CSB

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courtesy Coca-Cola

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Titus 3 CSB



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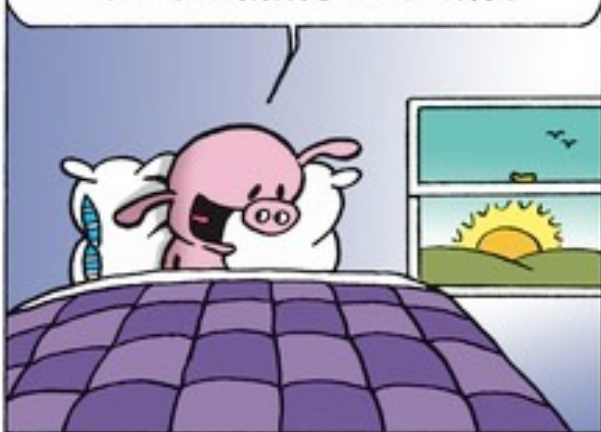
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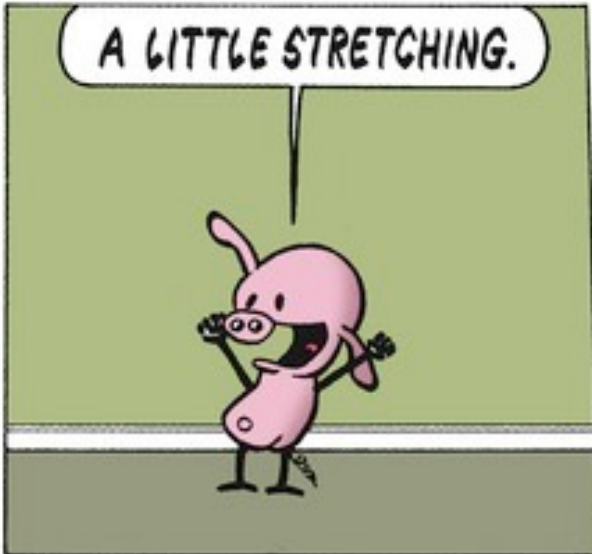
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEPHAN PASTIS

Ahh, A NEW DAY! TIME FOR MY MORNING ROUTINE.



A LITTLE STRETCHING.



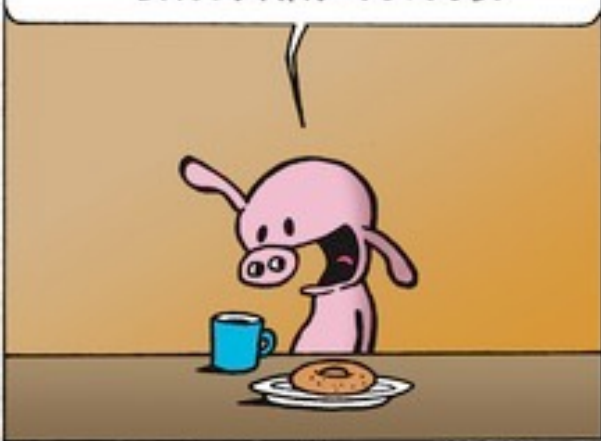
A NICE WALK.



A WARM SHOWER.



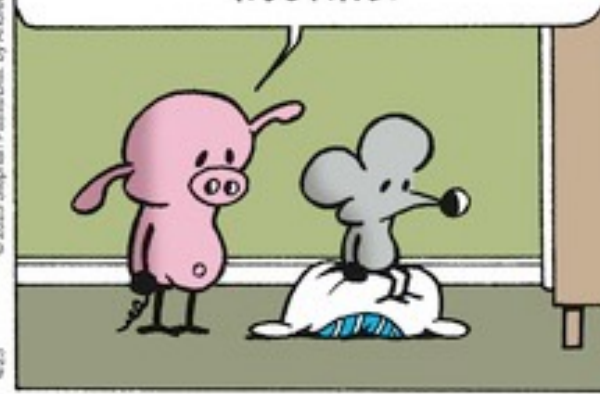
AND TO THE CAFE FOR A TASTY BAGEL AND COFFEE.



AND A QUICK PEEK AT SOCIAL MEDIA.



I THINK I FOUND SOMETHING TO LEAVE OUT OF MY MORNING ROUTINE.



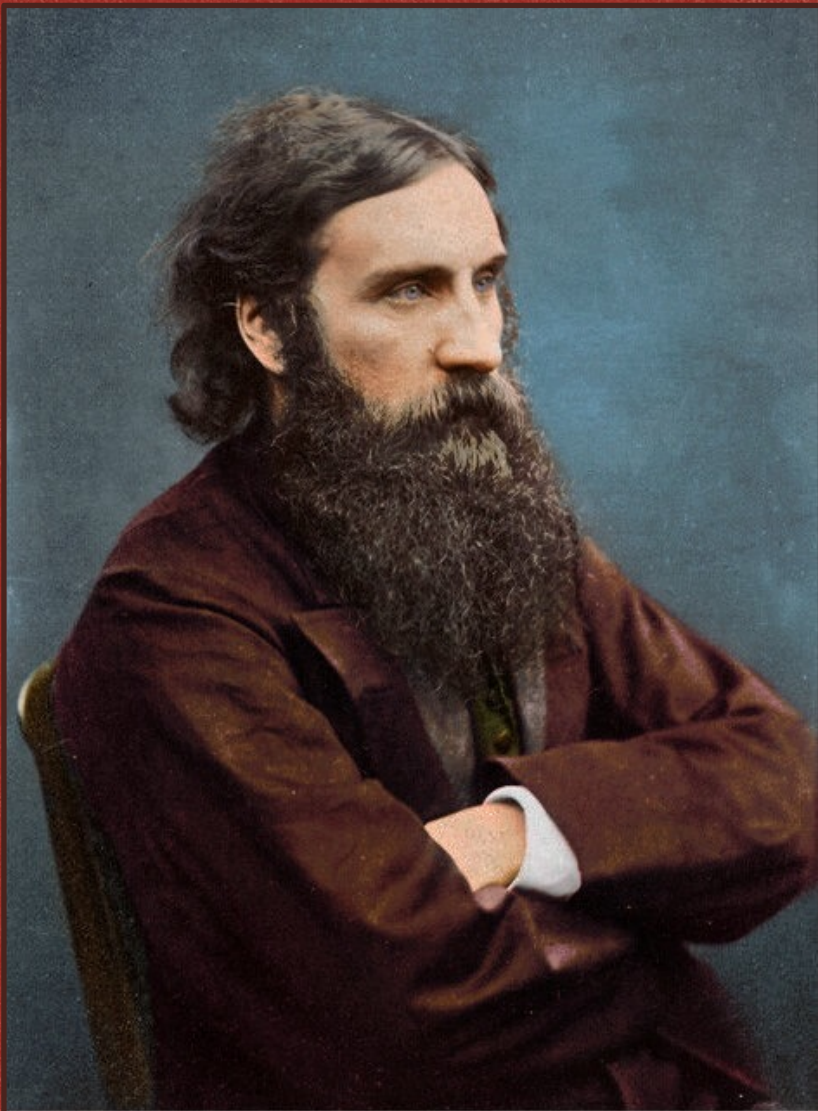
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Titus 3 CSB

¹³ Diligently help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey, so that they will lack nothing.

¹⁴ Let our people learn to devote themselves to good works for pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.

Titus 3 CSB



George MacDonald

No indulgence of passion
destroys the spiritual
nature so much as
respectable selfishness.
– George MacDonald

I must be selfish. The times are so bad that I have no choice!





Bad times, hard times, this is what people keep saying; but let us live well, and times shall be good. We are the times: Such as we are, such are the times. – Augustine, City of God



Thank you! In the last few weeks:

- 1293 lunches served.
- Strong connections through camps.
- Over a dozen new believers in Jesus.
- Many dedications to follow Christ.
- And more...

Thank
you



courtesy Laderach

Titus is refreshing:

- His presence is a blessing.
- He is diligent, even when trusted with tough jobs.

To be refreshing like Titus:

- Avoid foolishness.
- Give of yourself.





courtesy Coca-Cola

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own understanding;

⁶ in all your ways know him,
and he will make your paths straight.

⁷ Don't be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord and turn away from evil.

⁸ This will be healing for your body
and strengthening for your bones.

Proverbs 3 CSB





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Exodus 31 CSB

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Exodus 31 CSB

שַׁבַּת וַיִּנָּפֶשׁ וַיִּשְׁבֶּה Shabat wayinaapash = to rest/celebrate + a cool breeze drying sweat





You have made us for yourself,
O Lord, and our hearts are
restless until they rest in you.
– Augustine, Confessions

To be refreshed:

- Follow the Lord.
- Rest.
- Drink of Jesus' living water.



¹³ Jesus said, “Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again. ¹⁴ But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again. In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up in him for eternal life.”

John 4 CSB



courtesy clearpond

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