

THE BOOK OF

TITUS

Character of the Mature

Titus 1:9-2:1

Problem:

Character, Community, and Culture not effected by Christ

Solution:

Hearts, Homes, and Humanity all Healed by the Gospel

(Titus 1:5, 10-16; 2:1-12; 3:8-11)

Outline

I. Ordered Maturity Leads the Way (**ch. 1**)

II. Transformed Hearts and Homes (**ch. 2**)

III. Gospel Effect to Humanity (**ch. 3**)

Two Fold Task:

Appoint new church leaders (1:5-9)

Confront corrupt leaders (1:10-16)

Two Maximims:

Epimenides on Character and Conduct of
Creatans (1:12)

Jesus on Character and Conduct of Christians
(1:15-16) see Mark 7:15; Matt. 15:10–20

Titus 1:1-2

1 Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness,

2 in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,

3 but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;

4 To Titus, a true son in our common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you—

6 if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination.

7 For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money,
8 but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled

9 He must hold firmly to the trustworthy Word of God 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, full of meaningless talk and deception, especially those of the circumcision group.

11 They must be silenced, because they are disrupting whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach, and that for the sake of dishonest gain.

12 One of Crete's own prophets has said it: "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons."

13 This saying 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 merely human 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. Their very 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.

2:1 But as for you, speak and teach the things which are proper and good for sound doctrine:

v. 9 - Character of the Mature

Knows the Word

knows how to live and apply the Word

**(2 Tim 2:23-26; Lk 24:46-47; 1 Cor. 15:1-4;
Matt. 7:15-23; Gal. 1:6-9)**

v. 10 -11 Character of the Mature

Knows how to confront and correct idle or rebellious people with fruitless talk

(1 Tim. 1:4–10)

Model a better way

(Eph 4:29; Phil 4:8-9; 1 Tim 1:3–7)

v. 12-14 Character affects Culture

They're the worst

-Epimenides of Phaestus

- Celebrities, not Servants
- Sensational story seekers
- Brutal beasts
- Frivolous foodies

v. 14-16 Their Errors of Character

1. Man over God

(Is. 29:13; Matt. 15; Mk. 7:7; Col. 2:22)

2. Trendiness over Holiness

(Mk. 7:15; Mt. 5:8; Lk. 11:41)

3. Lip service over Life Service

(1 Tim. 4:1; Mk. 7:19; Rom. 14:20; 2 Tim. 3:5)

v. 14-16 Outward vs Character

Outward vs Inward in the OT

(1 Sam 15:22; Isa 1:11–18; Hos 6:6; Mic 6:6–8; Ps 51:16–17)

Outward vs Inward in the NT

(Matthew 23:25–26; Luke 11:41; Ac 15:9; Ro 14:20; 1 Ti 4:3)

Luke 6:43 “No good tree bears bad fruit,
nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. **44**
Each tree is recognized by its own fruit.
People do not pick figs from thornbushes,
or grapes from briars.

See also **Matthew 7:15-20; 12:33-37**

Luke 6:45 A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. **46** “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”

Character vs. Personality

Personality:

how we express who we are

Character:

who we actually are

Personality
("on stage")

Character
("off stage")

Personality
("on stage")

Character
("off stage")

SELF FOCUSED

perspective of
GREED

Powerfully desiring to continually get or consume.



attitude of
PRIDE

Believing that you are better or more important than others.

perspective of
GRATITUDE

Feeling and expressing gratefulness.



attitude of
HUMILITY

Having an accurate perception of your faults.

perspective of
INTEGRITY

Honesty of person and consistency of behavior. Reliable and trustworthy.



attitude of
WHOLENESS

Emotional health, an understanding of undivided completeness.

CHRIST FOCUSED

perspective of
GENEROSITY

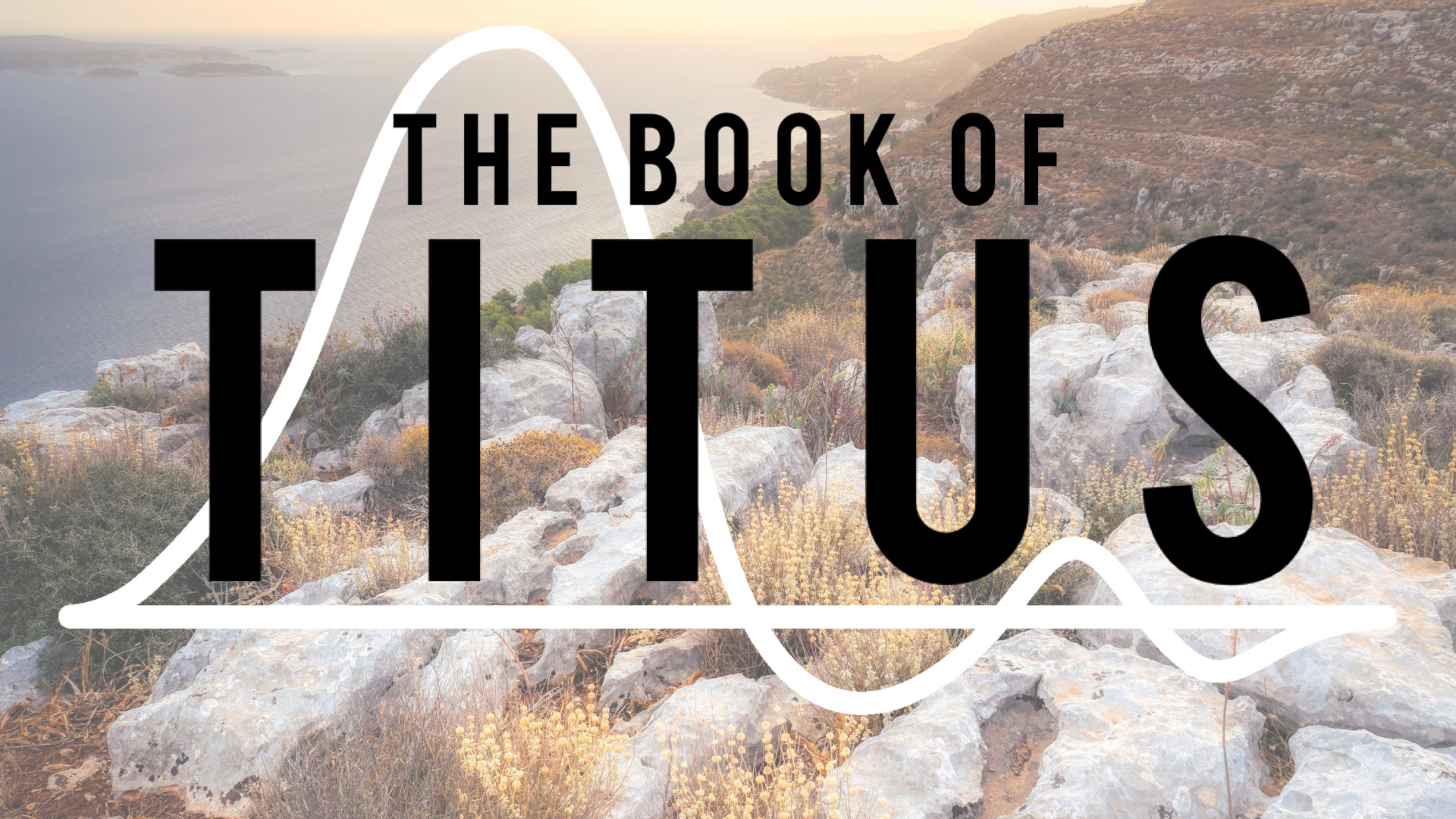
Willingness to give the unexpected, expecting nothing in return.

attitude of
COURAGE

A desire and ability to act, regardless of fear.

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