

The background is a photograph of a stone archway, likely part of a historic building. The arch is constructed from large, weathered stone blocks. A small, dark, rectangular opening is visible on the left side of the arch. The lighting is warm and slightly dim, creating a sense of depth and texture in the stone.

Titus

CHRISTIANS IN CRETE

—Dealing With the Divisive—

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Ephesians 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, ² with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; ³ endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

1 Thessalonians 5:12 And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.¹⁴ Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.

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Proverbs 18:13 He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him.

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2 Timothy 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,²⁵ in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;²⁶ and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

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James 5:20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

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Matthew 8:15 “Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.
¹⁶ But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ ¹⁷ And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.”

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3 John 9 I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us. ¹⁰ Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the church.