

# Discipleship

The Cross-Generational Race of Faith

Titus

# The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18–20

Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, **go and make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you**. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

# Discipleship: Passing the Baton

Focus on the goal

Timing

The handoff

Encouragement





# Paul's Letter to Titus

A concise outline for discipleship  
in God's family

Things to listen for:

- Passing the baton of leadership
- Passing the baton of faith
- Passing the baton of Christian living

# Titus 1:1–4

Greetings from Paul

<sup>1</sup> This letter is from Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I have been sent to proclaim faith to those God has chosen and to teach them to know the truth that shows them how to live godly lives.

<sup>2</sup> This truth gives them confidence that they have eternal life, which God—who does not lie—promised them before the world began.

<sup>3</sup> And now at just the right time he has revealed this message, which we announce to everyone. It is by the command of God our Savior that I have been entrusted with this work for him.

<sup>4</sup> I am writing to Titus, my true son in the faith that we share.

May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior give you grace and peace.

# Titus 1:5–7

## Titus's Work in Crete

<sup>5</sup> I left you on the island of Crete so you could complete **our work** there and appoint elders in each town as I instructed you. <sup>6</sup> An elder must live a **blameless** life. He must be **faithful** to his wife, and his children must be believers who don't have a **reputation** for being wild or rebellious. <sup>7</sup> A church leader is a **manager** of God's household, so he must live a **blameless life**. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered; he must not be a heavy drinker, violent, or dishonest with money.

# Titus 1:8–9

<sup>8</sup> Rather, he must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must love what is good. He must live wisely and be just. He must live a devout and disciplined life. <sup>9</sup> He must have a strong belief in the trustworthy message he was taught; then he will be able to encourage others with wholesome teaching and show those who oppose it where they are wrong.

# Titus 1:10–14

<sup>10</sup> For there are many **rebellious** people who engage in **useless talk** and deceive others. This is especially true of those who insist on circumcision for salvation. <sup>11</sup> They must be silenced, because they are **turning whole families away from the truth** by their false teaching. And they do it only for money. <sup>12</sup> Even one of their own men, a prophet from Crete, has said about them, “The people of Crete are all liars, cruel animals, and lazy gluttons.” <sup>13</sup> This is true. So **reprimand them sternly to make them strong in the faith.** <sup>14</sup> They must stop listening to Jewish myths and the commands of people who have turned away from the truth.



# Titus 1:15–16

<sup>15</sup> **Everything is pure to those whose hearts are pure.** But nothing is pure to those who are corrupt and unbelieving, because their minds and consciences are corrupted. <sup>16</sup> Such people **claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live.** They are **detestable** and disobedient, **worthless** for doing anything good.

# Titus 2:1–5

## Promote Right Teaching

<sup>1</sup> As for you, Titus, promote the kind of living that reflects wholesome teaching. <sup>2</sup> Teach the older men to exercise **self-control**, to be **worthy of respect**, and to **live wisely**. They must have sound **faith** and be filled with **love** and **patience**.

<sup>3</sup> **Similarly**, teach the older women to **live in a way that honors God**. They must not slander others or be heavy drinkers. Instead, they should **teach others what is good**. <sup>4</sup> These older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children, <sup>5</sup> to live wisely and be pure, to work in their homes, to do good, and to be submissive to their husbands. **Then they will not bring shame on the word of God.**

# Titus 2:6–10

<sup>6</sup> **In the same way**, encourage the young men to **live wisely**. <sup>7</sup> And you yourself must **be an example** to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching. <sup>8</sup> **Teach the truth** so that your teaching can't be criticized. Then those who oppose us will be ashamed and have nothing bad to say about us.

<sup>9</sup> Slaves must always obey their masters and do their best to please them. They must not talk back <sup>10</sup> or steal, but must **show themselves to be entirely trustworthy and good**. Then they will make the teaching about God our Savior **attractive** in every way.

# Titus 2:11–15

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup> And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, <sup>13</sup> while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. <sup>14</sup> He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

<sup>15</sup> You must teach these things and encourage the believers to do them. You have the authority to correct them when necessary, so don't let anyone disregard what you say.

# Titus 3:1–4

## Do What Is Good

<sup>1</sup> Remind the believers to **submit** to the government and its officers. They should be **obedient**, always ready to do what is good. <sup>2</sup> They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be **gentle** and show true **humility** to everyone. <sup>3</sup> Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became **slaves** to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. <sup>4</sup> But—

# Titus 3:4–8

When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, <sup>5</sup> **he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.** He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup> He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. <sup>7</sup> **Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.** <sup>8</sup> This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that **all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good.** These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone.

# Titus 3:9–11

<sup>9</sup> **Do not get involved in foolish discussions** about spiritual pedigrees **or in quarrels** and fights about obedience to Jewish laws. These things are useless and a waste of time. <sup>10</sup> If people are causing divisions among you, give a first and second warning. After that, have nothing more to do with them. <sup>11</sup> **For people like that have turned away from the truth, and their own sins condemn them.**

# Titus 3:12–15

## Paul's Final Remarks and Greetings

<sup>12</sup> I am planning to send either Artemas or Tychicus to you. As soon as one of them arrives, do your best to meet me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to stay there for the winter. <sup>13</sup> Do everything you can to help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos with their trip. See that they are given everything they need. <sup>14</sup> **Our people must learn to do good by meeting the urgent needs of others; then they will not be unproductive.**

<sup>15</sup> Everybody here sends greetings. Please give my greetings to the believers—all who love us.

**May God's grace be with you all.**



# Discipleship: Passing the Baton

## Roles

Responsibilities

## Content

Heart & Hand

## Models

(Save for SS in the gym)



# Discipleship: Roles

Disciple(r) / Disciple(e)

## **Submission & Imitation**

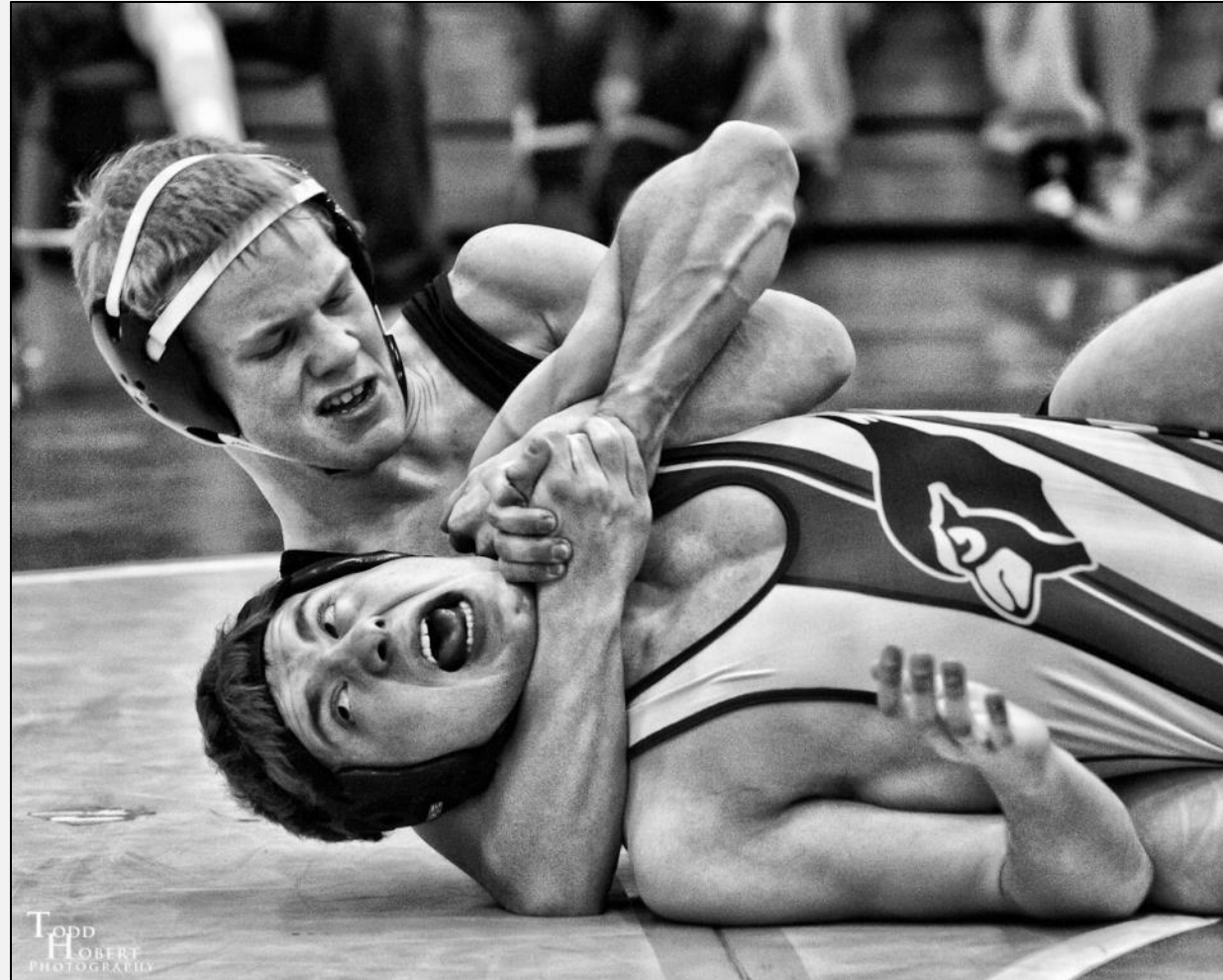
This letter is from Paul, a slave of God...

Titus 1:1

And you yourself must be an example to them...

Titus 2:6

# Discipleship & Submission



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Luke 2:51

Jesus was obedient to his parents

Rom. 13:1&5

we are to submit to the government

1 Cor. 15:28

Jesus will put himself under God's authority

Eph. 5:21

submit to one another out of reverence for Christ

Eph. 5:24

the church submits to Christ

Heb. 13:7

submit to Elders

Jas. 4:7

humble yourselves before God

Rom. 8:7

the sinful nature does **not** obey God

Rom. 10:3

Israel **refuses** to accept God's way of righteousness

# Discipleship: Roles

Disciple(r)

- Slave of God first
- “How to” of the handoff
  - Relationship
  - Create opportunity
  - Lead by example and invite participation
- Hinderances
  - Unclear priorities
  - Slowing down / checking out
  - Taking over God’s job



# Discipleship: Roles

## Disciple(e)

- Slave of God first
- “How to” of the handoff
  - Willingness to seek
  - Willingness to show up
  - Willingness to learn (submission)
- Hinderances
  - Pride
  - FOMO / Priorities
  - Refusing God His throne



# Discipleship: Content

## Heart & Hand

Titus 1:1–2

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# Discipleship: Content

## Heart & Hand

Titus 3:3–8

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## Heart & Hand

### **Group: All**

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# Discipleship: Content

## Heart & Hand

### Group: Men

Titus 2:2, 6

Teach the older men to exercise self-control, to be worthy of respect, and to live wisely. They must have sound faith and be filled with love and patience.

In the same way, encourage the young men to live wisely.\*

\*Self-Control

# Discipleship: Content

## Heart & Hand

### Group: Women

Titus 2:3–5

**Similarly**, teach the older women to live in a way that **honors God**. They **must not slander others** or be heavy drinkers. Instead, they should **teach** others what is good.

These older women must train the younger women to **love their husbands and their children**, to **live wisely** and be **pure**, to **work** in their homes, to do good, and to be **submissive to their husbands**. **Then they will not bring shame on the word of God.**

# Discipleship: Content

## Heart & Hand

### **Group: Slaves (Employees)**

Titus 2:9–10

Slaves [Employees] must always **obey** their masters [employers] and **do their best** to please them. They must not talk back or steal, but must **show themselves to be entirely trustworthy** and good. **Then they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive in every way.**

# Discipleship: Passing the Baton

Am I a willing slave of God?

Are my priorities eternal or  
temporal?

Am I willing to submit?

Who is God calling me to  
reach back/ahead to?

