

STUDY GUIDE



THE BOOK OF

TITUS

Instruction About Godly Living



If you are new to the Story of the Bible or would like to review the Story: Listen to the following TMTB Podcasts:

The Story: Understanding the "Big Story" (30 min)

Old Testament: Walk Through the Broad Story (27 min)

Timeline: New Testament Beginnings (35 min)

Letters: Paul's Writing to the Churches-Part 1 (30 min)

REVIEW

In order to address the problem of false teachers on the island of Crete who are upsetting whole families by teaching things for sordid gain that ought not to be taught, Paul leaves Titus in Crete.

Titus is to do the following:

- 1) appoint qualified elders in every city who are to exhort in sound doctrine and refute those who contradict (Titus 1:5-16) and
- 2) teach sound doctrine himself to all in the church (2:1-15) and remind them of why they are to hold fast to these things (3:1-11). Once Titus's work on Crete is done, he is to return to Paul (3:12-15).



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Listen to the Titus Introduction podcast.

TUESDAY

Read Paul's letter to Titus.

Why are the qualifications of the elder so important to his ability to exhort in sound doctrine and refute those who contradict?

Compare Paul's instruction to Titus in 1:5-16 with his instruction to Timothy in 1 Timothy 3:1-7.

Finally, read Ephesians 4.

What is the role of purpose of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers?



WEDNESDAY

Read Paul's letter to Titus and seek to find out all that you can about the false teachers.

Who are they? What are they teaching? Why is their teaching so destructive?

How does Titus 3:4-7 address what the false teachers are teaching?

THURSDAY

Read Acts 20:17-38.

How important to Paul is the protection of the Word of God by the "overseers" in Ephesus?



Paul is sending Titus to appoint "overseers" (same office) in every city throughout the island of Crete.
What is Paul's concern in Acts 20:17-38?
How important is it that the overseer be able to exhort in sound doctrine and refute those who contradict?
FRIDAY
The word that is translated as "soul" in James 5:20 has been used throughout his letter. However, it is often not translated consistently. The same word appears in 1:8, 21; 4:8 and here in 5:20. In 1:8 and 4:8, the NASB translates the compound word meaning "two" and "souled" as "double-minded."
In what way is the believer who is judging his brother "double-souled?"
How does 5:20 address this issue?