



# Titus

*...in all things show yourself  
to be an example of good deeds...*

# Agenda

- Recap
- Titus 1:9-13
- Topics:
  - Purpose of Elders
  - Rebellious men
  - Refuting false teachers

# Titus Outline

Conduct of believers

Importance of sound doctrine

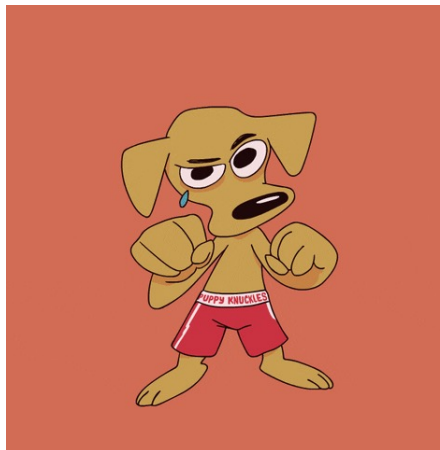
Correction of false teaching

Appointment of elders

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- Has believing children
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- Not quick-tempered
- Not addicted to wine
- Not pugnacious
- Not greedy for gain
- Hospitable
- Lover of good
- Sensible
- Just
- Devout
- Self-controlled
- Holding fast the to Word
- Able to teach sound doctrine
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**Would you want a leader  
who...**



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# OR like this...

- “Holding fast the faithful word in accordance with the teaching”
- “Able to exhort in sound doctrine”
- “Able to refute those who contradict”

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# Titus 1:5-6

For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you, <sup>6</sup> *namely*, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion.



# Titus 1:7-8

<sup>7</sup> For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, <sup>8</sup> but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout,

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11 who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not *teach* for the sake of sordid gain.

# Titus 1:12-13

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**What does “holding  
fast” mean?**



**What is he to “hold  
fast” to?**



**What is “the faithful word”?**

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# Titus 1:9

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**THE TEACHING...**

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# Matthew 5:20

**20** For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

# 1 Peter 1:15-16

<sup>15</sup> but **like** the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior;  
<sup>16</sup> because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”



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**Parallel verse in  
2 Timothy 1:13**



# 2 Timothy 1:13

**13 Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me...**

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# “THE teaching / THE faith / THE doctrine

- Acts 6:7; 13:8; 14:22; 16:5
- 1 Corinthians 16:13
- 2 Corinthians 13:5
- Galatians 1:23; 6:10
- Ephesians 4:5,13
- Philippians 1:27
- Colossians 1:23; 2:7
- 1 Timothy 1:2; 3:9; 4:1,6; 5:8; 6:10,21
- 2 Timothy 3:8; 4:7
- Titus 1:13
- Jude 3
- Revelation 2:13

(Not an exhaustive list)

# 1 Timothy 1:19

“...keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.”



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DIVERSITY  
IS OUR  
STRENGTH



Building up the body of Christ is defined, in part, by unity in “the faith” – not diversity

# 1 Corinthians 1:10

<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you **agree**, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the **same** mind and the **same** judgement”

# Ephesians 4:13

<sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the **unity of the faith,** and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

# Philippians 2:2

2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

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**THE TEACHING...**



**So, what is this  
telling us about the  
potential elder?**



- Must be continually **DEVOTED**  
and **TENACIOUS** toward  
doctrine

- Must **NOT** be an innovator of  
doctrine, but is to hold strictly  
to what he has been taught...

**...SO THAT...**

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# Exhort

- parakaleo
- In sound doctrine
- Idea: to come alongside / appeal to

# Refute

- elegko
- Those who contradict
- To expose - usually with the idea of shaming



**How could he do  
these 2 things if he  
doesn't hold fast...**

# Titus 1:9

<sup>9</sup> holding fast the faithful word  
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**THE TEACHING...**



**Why is Paul making a  
big deal about this?**

- Must be of certain character
- Must have tenacious convictions
- Must have family control
- Must possess effective communication skills

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# Description of False Teachers

- **Rebellious** – undisciplined, refusing to submit to authority
- **Empty talker** – refers to talk that is devoid of truth and thus vain and useless
- **Deceiver** – a mind-deceiver

# Colossians 2:4

<sup>4</sup> I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments.



**Why is Paul making a  
big deal about false  
teaching?**

# Acts 20:28-30

<sup>28</sup> Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. <sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.



**What is Titus to do?**

# Titus 1:11

11 who must be silenced  
because they are upsetting  
whole families, teaching things  
they should not *teach* for the  
sake of sordid gain.

## 2 Timothy 2:16-17

But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness,<sup>17</sup> and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,<sup>18</sup> [men] who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they **upset** the faith of some.



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# Verse 9 and 13 Connected

“Holding fast  
THE teaching,  
so that...”



“Able to  
**refute** false  
teachers”

“**Reprove**  
them severely  
so that...”



“May be  
sound in  
THE faith”