



# TITUS

Experience Church



# THE CHURCH'S MESSENGERS

# Titus 1:5-16



**For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.**

***Titus 1:10-12***

**This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth. To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled. They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.**

***Titus 1:13-16***

**You won't do any good work if  
your entire focus is upon bad,  
incomplete works.**



**I. A Trustworthy God, Titus 1:2-3**

**II. A Trustworthy Word, Titus 1:9**

**III. A Trustworthy Messenger, Titus 1:5-9**



**This is why I left you in Crete,  
so that you might put what remained into  
order, and appoint elders in every town as I  
directed you—if anyone is above reproach,  
the husband of one wife, and his children  
are believers and not open to the charge of  
debauchery or insubordination.**

***Titus 1:5-6***

**Titus 1:7 *For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach.***

***He must not be arrogant*** - authádēs ("to gratify self, be indulgent"; engrossed in self-interest).

***or quick-tempered*** - orgílos – prone to anger and harbor resentment, nurturing long-standing anger (prejudice, bitterness).

***James 1:19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.***

***Jonah 4: "Doest thou well to be angry?" x2***

**Titus 1:7 *or a drunkard*** - Not letting alcoholic spirits take control and turn him into a pugnacious derelict. Proverbs 23...

**29 Who has woe?  
Who has sorrow?  
Who has strife?  
Who has  
complaining?  
Who has wounds  
without cause?  
Who has redness of  
eyes?  
30 Those who tarry  
long over wine;  
those who go to try  
mixed wine.**

**31 Do not look at  
wine when it is red,  
when it sparkles in  
the cup  
and goes down  
smoothly.**

**32 In the end it bites  
like a serpent  
and stings like an  
adder.**

**33 Your eyes will  
see strange things,  
and your heart utter  
perverse things.**

**34 You will be like  
one who lies down  
in the midst of the  
sea, like one who  
lies on the top of a  
mast.**

**35 “They struck  
me,” you will say,  
“but I was not hurt;  
they beat me, but I  
did not feel it.  
When shall I  
awake? I must have  
another drink.”**

**Titus 1:7 or violent** - He solves life's problems with his wits, not his fists. *Luke 6:27-31 But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.*

**Titus 1:7 or greedy for gain, 1 Timothy 6:6-10** *But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.*

**NONE OF THESE ARE EASY AND ALL OF THESE ARE NECESSARY!**

**Titus 1:8 but hospitable** - He casts aside suspicion of people in pursuit of the salvation of souls.

**a lover of good**, - philágathos (from phílos, "a friend" + agathós, "inherently good") – personal affection for what is intrinsically good, referring to "a lover (friend) of what God loves."

**Titus 1: 8 self-controlled**, - sóphrōn “an inner look” which regulates outward behavior.

Biblical moderation: it describes “a man who does not command himself, but rather is commanded by God.”  
“Soundness” which reflects living in God-defined balance.

Example: An opera singer controls the length (quality) of their tones by their diaphragm which even controls the ability to breathe and moderates heartbeat. Hence it regulates (“brings safety”) to the body, keeping it properly controlled.

**Titus 1:8 upright,** - He is judicially approved and is just in his execution of church government and the forgiveness of the sins of others.

**holy,** - What is sanctioned by a higher law (especially divine law) in accordance with divine providence and hence deserves respect.

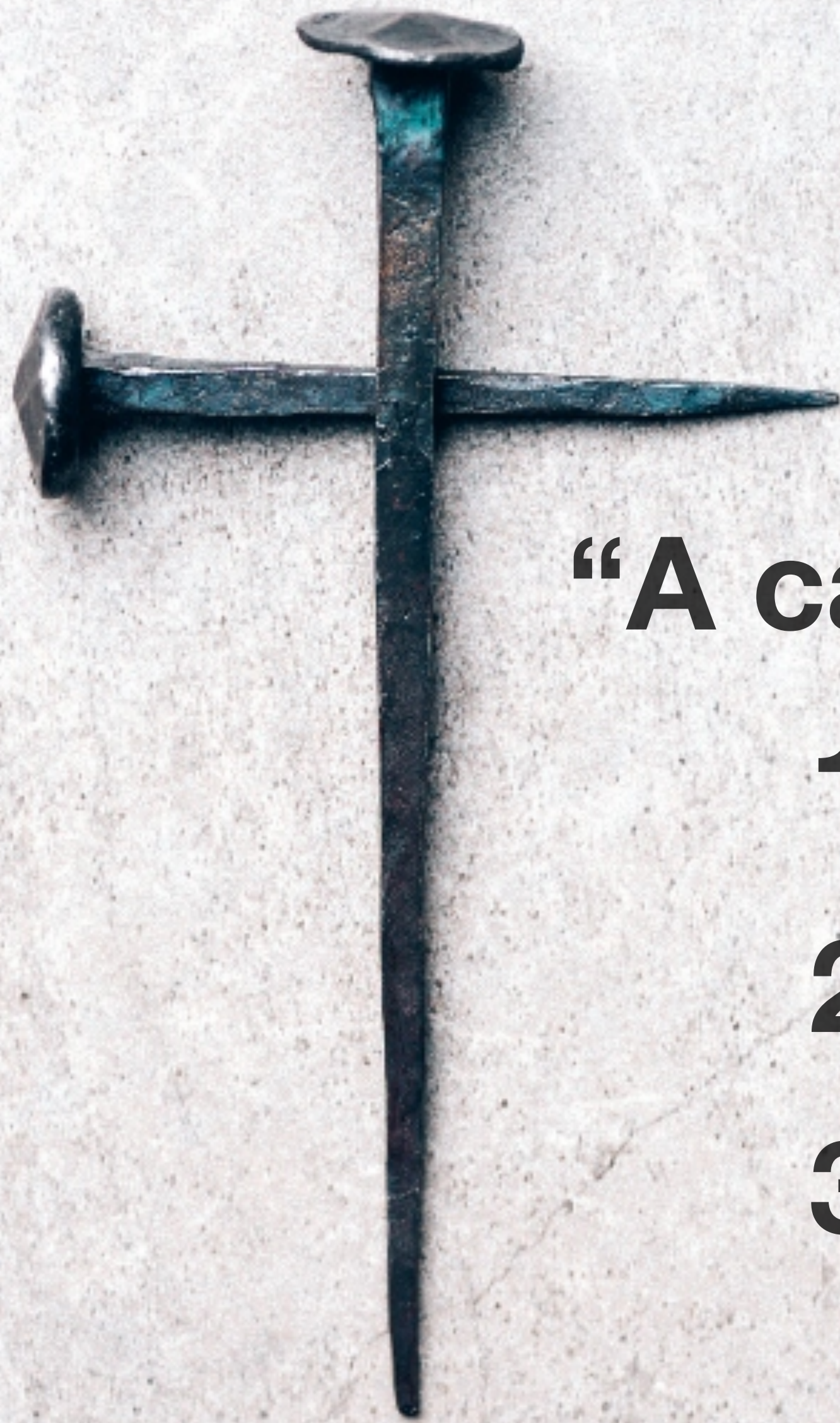
**and disciplined.** - HE HAS POWER OVER HIMSELF.

**He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.**

***Titus 1:9***



**Jesus is the  
epitome of  
pastoral  
integrity.**



**“A call to ministry?”**

- 1. Desire**
- 2. Qualification**
- 3. Gifting**



## **APPLICATION**

- 1. Pray for your pastors.**
- 2. Pursue your own personal holiness.**